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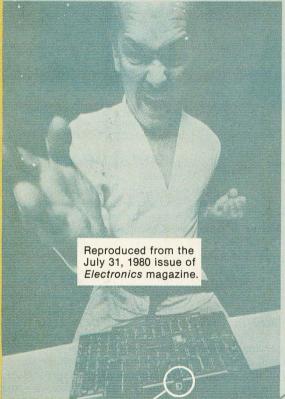
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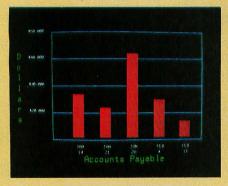


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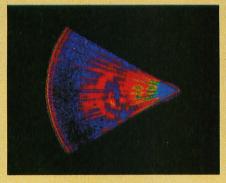


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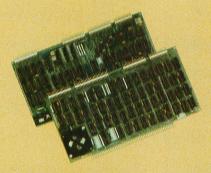
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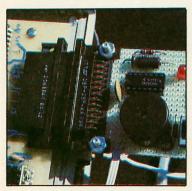
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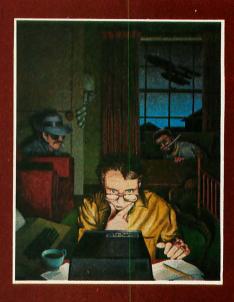
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#### In This Issue

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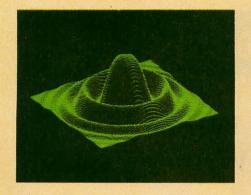
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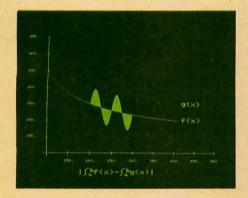


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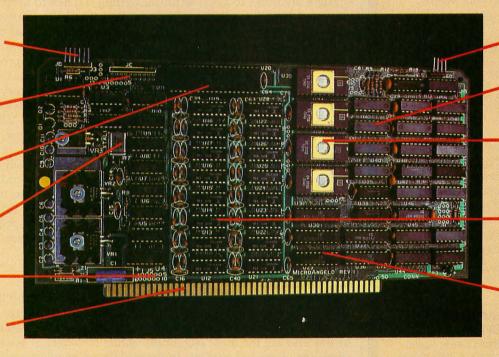
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## **Editorial**

# What's Wrong with Technical Writing Today?

Chris Morgan Editor-in-Chief

In going through the scores of articles that cross my desk each month, I've begun to notice that many of them are poorly written. I'm talking here not so much about incompetent writing (although the number of spelling and syntax errors is alarming), but rather about *misguided* writing, writing that is difficult to read, unclear, or wasteful of the reader's time. The problem is certainly not BYTE's alone. Editors of other magazines have told me much the same story. Thinking about possible solutions to the problem led me to write this editorial.

The quality of technical writing affects all of our readers in one way or another. Whether you program for a living or just for fun, you need to write clear, concise documentation to accompany your programs. And you undoubtedly have to write reports as part of your job or your studies.

There are tricks to good technical writing. I'd like to describe some of them here, and list some sources of information that have proved helpful to us in our writing work. I've also included a list of recommended reading at the end of the editorial.

Ask someone on the periphery of our field what the problem is with our prose, and he or she will probably say, "There's too much jargon." Things like: I/O, ASCII, byte, CPU, compiler, nonvolatile memory, BASIC, NAND gate, modem, macro, Pascal, floppy disk, Z80, 8080, 8086, 6809, 6502, 68000, Z8000, BCD, CP/M, Unix, Xenix, bootstrap, OS, DOS, DMA, CAI, CAD, CAM, vectored interrupt, monitor, RS-232C, S-100 bus, global variable, checksum, NOP, SWI, VOM, and so on, and so on.

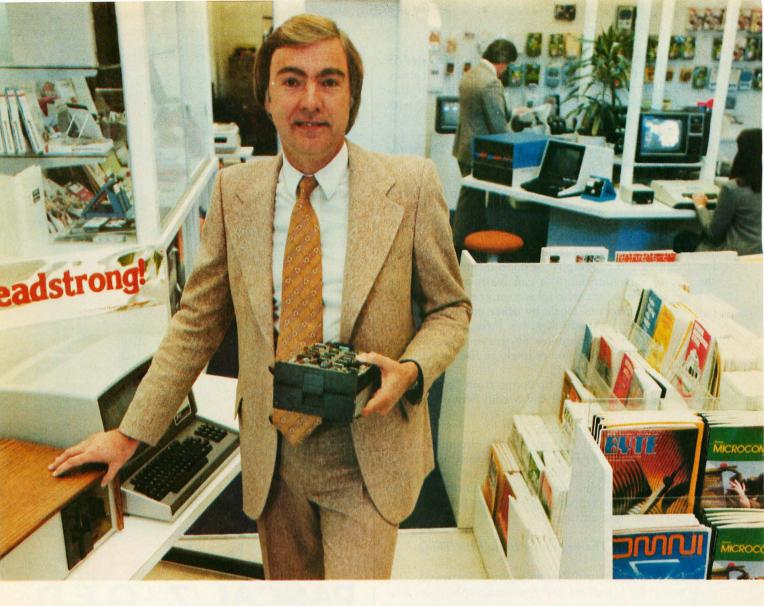
It's a lexical maze for the uninitiated. But is jargon really our downfall? I think not. We need jargon in the same way that doctors and psychologists do — as a convenient form of shorthand. Programmers have traditionally wrestled with the problem of fitting the most program into the least amount of memory space, so it's only natural that their everyday speech has been condensed down to a sort of technical "alphabet soup." Jargon isn't intrinsically bad — it's how you use it that counts.

#### Knowing Your Audience: The Seesaw Effect

Outside of grammar, syntax, and spelling (all of which I'll deal with later), there is the major consideration of your intended audience.

Imagine your readers to be sitting at irregular intervals along a large seesaw. At one end are the most technically astute members of your audience; at the other, the interested novices. In the middle are people with varying degrees of knowledge in the subject you are writing about. Your job is to keep the seesaw as level as possible by attending to the various groups in proportion. If there are many novices involved, you must "hold up" their side by providing them with a lot of introductory material. But if you go too far in this direction, the experts will get bored, dismount, and leave you hanging with a partial audience. It's a quandary, one that has no simple answer. Some topics are so technical that even the most intelligent novice will be left in your wake. You can't understand the workings of a compiler, for instance, until you know a lot about computer languages in general.

Some seesaws can't be balanced despite the best intentions of the writer. It is the job of the writer to know this. Nevertheless, within limits, a lot can be



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done to encourage those readers who are interested in your topic, but who may need some extra clarification. This leads me to the first of what I immodestly refer to as Morgan's Laws of Writing (not to be confused with DeMorgan's Law):

Morgan's Law #1: No Writer Ever Got Shot Down for Writing Too Clearly.

How do you write clearly? A good first step is to buy a copy of *The Elements of Style* by Strunk and White. There is more wisdom contained in this slim volume than in many a three-pound guide to English Usage.

Next, find some good technical writing and study it. I've included a bibliography of good technical books at the end of this editorial. We can learn a lesson from painters and musicians who take it for granted that good paintings and pieces of music by other artists should be carefully studied. Donald Knuth's three-part series of books, *The Art of Computer Programming*, contains some of the best writing you're likely to find in our field — and he's funny, to boot!

Another excellent writing tip comes from Peter Jacobi, a professor of journalism at the Medill School of Journalism:

Read your writing out loud.

How does it sound? Is it awkward, circumlocutory, pedantic? If so, rewrite it. There's something about reading a piece out loud that lays bare its weaknesses. You can be clear without turning off the majority of your audience. See the accompanying text boxes for some Do's and Don't's of clear writing.

#### Morgan's Law #2: The Beginning Is Half the Thing.

Actually, this is an old Roman saying I borrowed. The main point of it is that the first few paragraphs of an article are crucial to the rest of the text. The chances are you'll win or lose your readers at the beginning. Still, it's the one part of an article that fledgling writers gloss over in their eagerness to write the main body of the text. One very good writer I know told me he spends up to *half* of his article-writing time creating the first few paragraphs!

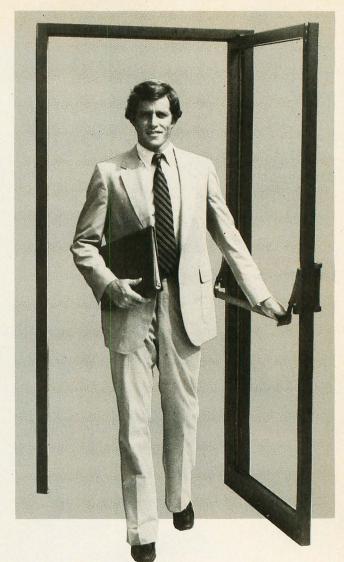
#### Morgan's Law #3: Avoid the Penguin Syndrome.

A famous story made the rounds a few years ago involving a publisher of children's books. A copy of one of the company's books about penguins appeared in the publisher's mailbox along with a letter from an eight-year-old girl that read, "Dear Sirs: I am returning your book, because it told me more about penguins than I wanted to know."

The moral? Tell your readers what they need to know, and no more. If you're zealous about a given topic, tell the reader how to get more information by including a comprehensive list of references. Don't waste space.

#### Morgan's Law # 4: Writing Is Nonlinear.

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his ideas on index cards every day and pins them to a bulletin board where he can mix and match them. The actual writing of a piece might not occur until some time later. E B White recommends that writers use scissors and glue to cut and paste their efforts during the first-draft stage. Some of the more advanced word-processing programs can help to do this. Another great writing aid is to use a data-base-handling program that allows you to cross-index ideas and file them away.

Morgan's Law #5: (otherwise known as the Three-Foot Rule): Don't Write Anything Unless You Have a Dictionary and a Thesaurus Within Three Feet of You.

I know I'm being a little strict here, but it's important. Unless the dictionary is within easy reach, you probably won't bother to use it, and you may make a spelling error. Going without a thesaurus is a further way of handicapping yourself. Both these books are vital to every writer, and I needn't tell you that the average level of spelling accuracy these days is low. The American Heritage Dictionary is a good all-round choice because of its excellent usage notes.

There's nothing much I can say about improving grammar and syntax other than to suggest the reference books at the end of the editorial. The Careful Writer and Mrs. Thistlebottom's Hobgoblins by Theodore Bernstein both help to dispel many of the bugaboos that have haunted our language ever since the well-meaning Victorians got their hands on it. Bernstein correctly points out that it's all right to occasionally split an infinitive, or to use a preposition to end a sentence with. William Sloane's The Craft of Writing, although primarily aimed at the fiction writer, contains a valuable chapter on nonfiction. It's a beautifully written book.

#### Morgan's Law #6: Don't Be Afraid to Be Interesting.

This may be the most important law of all. Involve your reader by being specific. Generalities make for dull reading. Use humor if you can carry if off. Otherwise, don't! Add some personal observations and opinions. The reader will take them in stride.

All of this leads to the general conclusion that you should write about what you know well. William Sloane says, "There are no uninteresting subjects, only uninteresting writers."

In closing, I can think of no better quote than the following one from the same book (although Sloane is talking here about nonfiction books, the sentiment applies equally well to technical articles):

If a book has a beginning, it also has an end. Nonfiction develops by increment, builds on its own material, and ends when its material has been completely exploited. If the book fulfills its contract with the reader, the end will complete the book by fulfilling the promises it made at the start. And if the people who read that book feel continuously that they are added to and believe, at the end, that there is more to them than there was before, the work of nonfiction has succeeded. The same can be said of fiction. In both cases, the contract between the writer and the reader has been kept.

Clear Writing: Some Do's

DO: (1) Tell your audience what you're going to talk about, (2) Talk about it, and (3) Tell them what you talked about. This old saw from your creative-writing class in high school is as valid as ever. Not observing it is a common failing of much technical writing today.

DO: Include a theme sentence near the beginning of your writing that concisely sums up what you want to

say in the piece.

DO: Tell your story in miniature in the captions to figures, photos, tables, listings, and other illustrations. Your readers may not have time to read all of your article: give them a quick summary and they'll thank you for it. Scientific American magazine does this sort of thing very well.

DO: Spell out acronyms and abbreviations when they first appear in text. How many times have you been stopped cold by an unfamiliar abbreviation in the mid-

dle of an interesting article?

DO: Use verbs. Avoid adjectives and adverbs. A verb in an article title can add a lot of spice. (See Electronics magazine for good examples of verbs in titles.) Adjectives and adverbs, to paraphrase Robert Benchley, are the spinach of technical prose. Everybody says they're vital, but few of us would miss them if the majority of them suddenly disappeared tomorrow. John McPhee (perhaps the best nonfiction writer in the country) has written several books on technical subjects (such as The Curve of Binding Energy) that illustrate these principles better than a hundred paragraphs from me. DO: Break up your text into digestible chunks with subheadings.

DO: Remember the questions you had when you were

first learning a subject.

Clear Writing: Some Don'ts

DON'T: Use the passive voice as your primary voice. Many of us were taught to use the passive voice when writing technical reports and the like. But the passive voice lends an air of coldness and formality to writing the sort of thing you'd expect in technical transactions, but not in an article that's designed to be read. For example, "I ran the program" is more personal than "The program was run." Sometimes you need the passive voice for variety, but in general, own up: Say I, me, my, we, us or you.

DON'T: Make your reader search for information in an article. If you have a list of items in text, perhaps they could be set off in a table. If you have a glossary in your article, tell the reader at the beginning.

DON'T: Use big words when small words will do. A good example is utilize, a word that can almost always be replaced with use. Another popular word that should be avoided is implement. Don't implement when you can install, design, code, control, enable, connect, build, or operate; your readers will have a better idea of what you are doing.

DON'T: Use a clever title for an article if it fails to convey the article's content. Imagine that your title is all that the reader has to go on in deciding whether or not to read your work.

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# Maybe we can save you a call.

Many people have called with the same questions about the AIO. We'll answer those and a few more here.

Q: Does the AIO have hardware handshaking? A: Yes. The serial port accommodates 3 types—RTS. CTS, and DCD. The parallel port handles ACK, ACK, BSY, STB, and STB.

Q: What equipment can be used with the AIO?

A: A partial list of devices that have actually been tested with the AIO includes: IDS 440 Paper Tiger, Centronics 779, Qume Sprint 5, NEC Spinwriter, Comprint, Heathkit H14, IDS 125, IDS 225, Hazeltine 1500, Lear Siegler ADM-3, DTC 300, AJ 841.

Q: Does the AIO work with Pascal?

A: Yes. The current AIO serial firmware works great with Pascal. If you want to run the parallel port, or both the serial and parallel ports with Pascal, order our "Pascal Patcher Disk."

Q: What kind of firmware option is available for the parallel interface?

A: Two PROM's that the user installs on the AIO card in place of the Serial Firmware PROM's provide: Variable margins, Variable page length, Variable indentations, and Auto-line-feed on carriage return.

Q: How do I interface my new printer to my Apple using my AIO card?

A: Interconnection diagrams for many popular printers and other devices are contained in the AIO Manual. If your printer is not mentioned, please contact SSM's Technical Support Dept. and they will help you with the proper connections.

Q: I want to use my Apple as a dumb terminal with a modem on a timesharing service like The Source. Can I do that with the AIO?

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#### Letters

#### Heath Faces Horizon

John Dye remarked in his letter (August 1980 BYTE, page 18) that he cannot run his Heathkit H-14 printer with a North Star Horizon at any data transfer rate over 110 bps (bits per second). A simple reconfiguration of the Horizon headers, as designed by Don

Baker, will allow it to recognize the BUSY from the H-14.

I have assembled three H-14s and interfaced them with Horizon systems at 4800 bps with no problems. Heathkit supplies a modification-instruction pamphlet which allows you to obtain a BUSY signal on the printer's connector pin 4. This pin translates to pin 15,

DB:XMIT CLK (DCE), on the Horizon motherboard. To accomplish the handshaking, jumper the right configurationheader at location 4D as follows:

> Connect pin 2 to pin 16 Connect pin 4 to pin 14 Connect pin 5 to pin 11 Connect pin 7 to pin 8 Connect pin 9 to pin 10 and Connect pin 12 to pin 12 of the right special-clock header at location 2C.

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#### The APL Plot

I was very pleased to see BYTE's August 1980 FORTH issue, since I am working part-time with FORTH doing a computer-aided design package to be used with the fine Mauro Engineering Proac plotter. Incidentally, the new product announcement for this plotter in the August 1980 BYTE (page 249) referred erroneously to the unit as a printer in the heading.

The self-replicating programs in "Programming Quickies" (see "Self-Reproducing Programs," by Burger, Brill, and Machi, August 1980 BYTE, page 72) are a challenge that APLers cannot pass up. I have a 22-character line of APL that reproduces itself when executed, which was published a few years ago in APL News, a free publication of APL Press (not to be confused with Personal APL News, my publication, which is now part of the APL Market Newsletter from Southwater Corporation). Anyone who is interested should contact Eugene McDonnell of I P Sharp in Palo Alto, California.

If we take the character string:

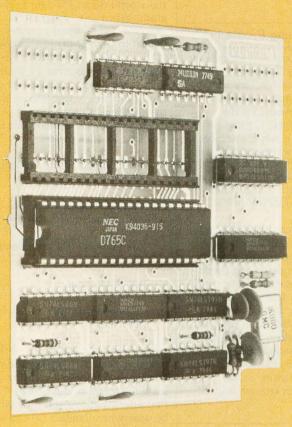
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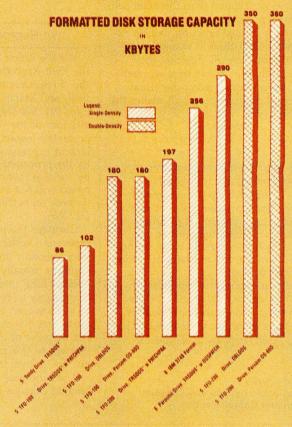
and then print it and execute it, we get:

The key to this line is the fact that the reshape function wraps around to the beginning of the right argument. I hope that the following makes it clear what is happening:

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This is much shorter and also much simpler in conception than the other selfreplicating programs given. It is not, however, a defined function, but an expression. I don't think it would be difficult to write an APL function that would produce its own visual representation, even without using the visual representation function which makes the question trivial:

> $\nabla R \leftarrow MYSELF$ [1] R+TVR 'MYSELF'

This function returns its character form as a value, and only prints by default if that value is not assigned to a variable; the expression given earlier also yields a value and not just printing. Only LISP can improve on that, by returning a function as its value, rather than a character vector (character string to the rest of you).

Other variants of this amusement have been worked out in APL before. Try creating two expressions, each of which gives the other as its value or its printed result, or a cycle of three or more

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#### Thlef-Reproduthing Programth

We are rather amazed and amused by the "Self-Reproducing Programs" (see the "Programming Quickie," by Burger, Brill, and Machi, August 1980 BYTE, page 72). We were amazed by the elegance of the "optimal" C program presented (especially given C's notable lack of expressive power), and amused by the proposed LISP solution (which, by the way, won't work. What was proposed will not evaluate to a function it needs an enclosing DEFUN or DEFINE).

Consider the problem of creating an expression which evaluates to itself. A microsecond's thought usually yields a constant, usually 1. Indeed, any friendly APL or LISP interpreter would be more than happy to return 1 when 1 is typed to it. However, many people would claim that 1 is data, and not a program. For the sake of this letter, we will pay homage to this unfounded prejudice, and go "up" a level in our analysis.

The canonical "program" in the lambda calculus which reduces to itself  $(\lambda \chi. \chi \chi)(\lambda \chi. \chi \chi)$ .

The first  $(\lambda \chi. \chi \chi)$  is the "program" and the second  $(\lambda \chi. \chi \chi)$  is data to the program. When this "program" is 'executed" the formal parameter  $\chi$  is bound to  $(\lambda \chi. \chi \chi)$  parameter of the program  $(\chi)$ , then  $\chi$  is concatenated with itself once (this is what  $\chi\chi$  means), and then this value is returned. (You may find it instructive to compare this with the "optimal" C program.)

We shall try to emulate this in LISP. The first attempt yields:

> ((lambda (x) (list x x))(lambda (x))(list x x))),

however, this fails because the data part will get evaluated. We can try:

> ((lambda (x) (list x x))'(lambda (x)) $(list \times x)))$

but this only yields:

((lambda (x) (list x x))(lambda (x)) $(list \times x))),$ 

which is missing the quote mark. An interesting hack is to change the way lambda evaluates by executing (macro lambda form (list 'quote form)). The first attempt above will now work because when (lambda (x) (list x x)) is evaluated it will return a copy of itself, which is what we want. However, there are those that would claim this is cheating because we have implicitly changed the behavior of the evaluator. We will admit this objection and continue with our analysis.

After much mushing around trying to get the quote mark back in we stumble upon:

> ((LAMBDA (LAMBDA)(LIST(LIST 'LAMBDA '(LAMBDA) LAMBDA)(LIST 'QUOTE LAMBDA))) '(LIST (LIST 'LAMBDA (LAMBDA) LAMBDA)(LIST'QUOTE LAMBDA)))

which does what we want. Note that this uses no PROG, SETQ's or  $REPLAC\chi$ 's. Also note that the lambda variable need not be named lambda, this is merely a hack. It is trivial to make a program out of this expression by throwing up the necessary DEFUN's:

> (DEFUN PRINTME() ((LAMBDA (LAMBDA)(LIST 'DEFUN 'PRINTME'()(LIST(LIST'LAMBDA '(LAMBDA) LAMBDA) (LIST 'QUOTE LAMBDA)))) (LIST 'DEFUN 'PRINTME'()(LIST(LIST 'LAMBDA



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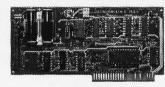
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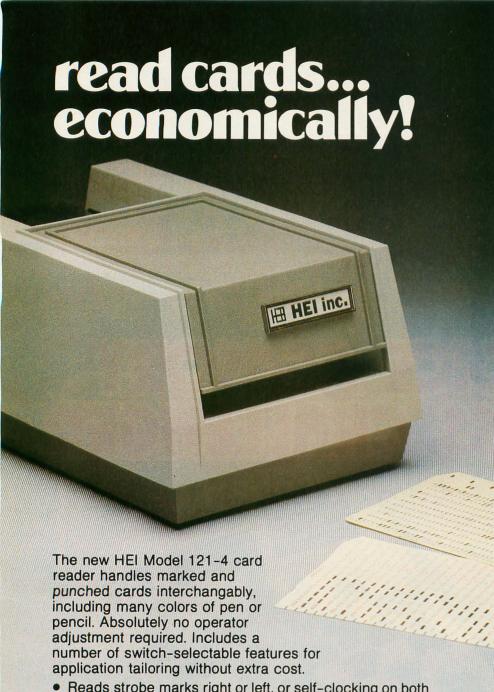
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#### '(LAMBDA) LAMBDA) (LIST 'OUOTE LAMBDA)))))

However, neither of these two solutions would be written that way in a modern LISP (eg: MacLISP or Lisp-MachineLISP, instead using the backquote facility they would be written:

> ((lambda (x) '(,x ',x)) '(lambda (x) ((,x',x)))

and:

(DEFUN PRINTME() ((LAMBDA (X) '(,@X',X))) '(DEFUN PRINTME ()((LAMBDA (X)'(,@X',X)))))

The real way it would be written in MacLISP is (DEFUN PRINTME () (GRINDEF PRINTME)). This whole exercise really isn't very interesting in LISP because this sort of thing is done routinely. Routines are constantly being consed up by other routines, and macros which write their own macros are becoming a standard tool. LISP doesn't discriminate against something just because it is code.

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#### Leedex / Sup'R' Terminal Incompatibility

Any BYTE reader who owns an Apple II system and is considering expanding to 80 columns may be interested in my experience with the Leedex monitor and the Sup'R' Terminal RF (radio-frequency) modulator board. While the Leedex monitor is an excellent value and performs well with the standard 40-column Apple II, I found it impossible to get a clear display while using it in conjunction with the Sup'R' Terminal board. Repeated efforts at adjusting both the board and the monitor failed to produce a legible display. The only solution proved to be using another monitor, namely a Hitachi.

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#### Bar-Code Reader as Light Pen?

Before reading Carl Helmers's editorial "Bar Codes, Revisited . . . " (April 1980 BYTE, page 6) on the Hewlett-Packard HEDS-3000 bar-code data-entry wand, I considered the possibility of buying a light pen for my Apple II. Afterwards, I couldn't see buying two pieces of equipment when one might do both jobs.

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#### John Gibbs

If you don't activate the infrared LED (light-emitting diode) in the HEDS-3000, you can certainly sense light coming into the wand from an external source, such as the video display's CRT (cathode-ray tube). There might be problems in matching the wave length of the light from the CRT to the spectral sensitivity of the infrared phototransistor in the wand . . . CH

#### Telecommunication Options

I enjoyed Carl Helmers's June editorial very much. (See "The Grass Roots Electronic Post Office, or, How Electronic (and Private) Mail Is Already Here," June 1980 BYTE, pages 6 thru 10.) The prospect of using my terminal for rapid and inexpensive communication is very exciting.

The costs you mention for sending computer messages using voice telephone lines can be greatly reduced by taking advantage of the digital communication provided by Telenet or Tymnet. This is easily done by means of The Source or MicroNet information services. Electronic mail can be sent with The Source for \$8.50 per hour of connection time counting both send and receive time during "nonprime" hours, but not counting the initial charge. Similarly, MicroNet charges \$10 per hour (for both send and receive) and has a lower initial charge. In addition, both systems permit users to chat on-line with other users through their respective terminals.

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According to my table of telephone rates, the cost for a one-hour telephone call from New Hampshire to California during the 60% discount time period (which Carl Helmers used as an example) would be \$9.65. The cost would be less, of course, for a call over a shorter distance.

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#### Info on Micropolis Software Wanted

The Micropolis Users Group (MUG) is an association whose desire is maximizing the use of the Micropolis-supplied software. As part of this endeavor, we are compiling a directory of all software that runs on MDOS or Micropolis BASIC without requiring a second operating system (such as CP/M). I would appreciate suppliers of such software informing me of their products.

Of course we are also always interested in new members. Membership is \$12 per year for twelve monthly newsletters.

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#### 6809 Time-Sharing

Don Kinzer's article in the June 1980 BYTE ("A Time-Sharing/Multi-User Subsystem for Microprocessors," page 122) describes how a sixteen-user time-sharing system can be implemented. The system, based on a 6800 microprocessor, uses a minimum of hardware and software. However, using the new 6809 processor, even less hardware and software is required.

The first savings of hardware occurs at power-up/reset. Most processors, including the 6800, accept a nonmaskable interrupt (NMI) at any time—even at reset. Obviously, if an NMI occurs before the stack is initialized correctly, the program will bomb. The problem is usually solved by adding a special circuit that disables all interrupts until the processor is properly initialized (as shown in figure 4 of Kinzer's article).

On the 6809, the NMI is blocked until the first load of the system stack pointer (SP). Thus, no special reset circuitry is needed. After initialization is complete, the stack pointer is loaded to enable the NMI. Note that most interrupt timers must still be initialized; when using the 6809, simply use the RESET signal to clear the timer to a known state.

The 6809 allows direct addressing anywhere in the memory map. By use of a direct page (DP) register, the 64 K-byte addressing range is divided into 256 pages. In a time-sharing environment, the DP register could be loaded with a different value for each user, resulting in each user accessing a different 256 bytes of temporary storage.

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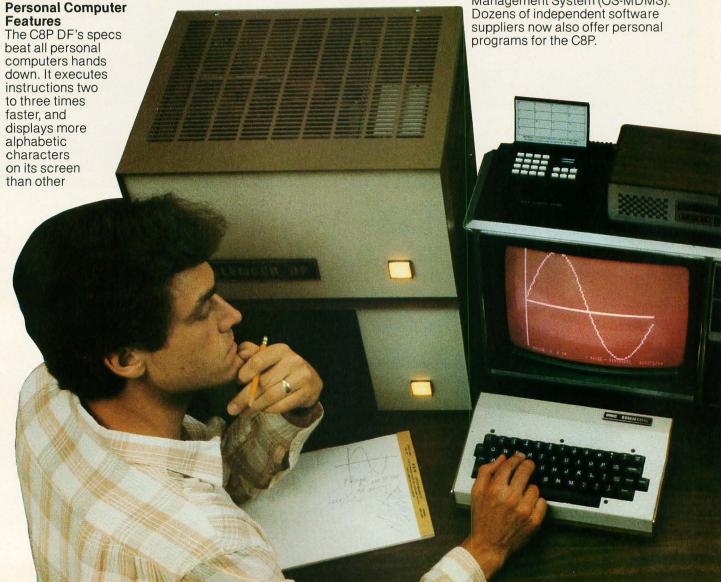
The general purpose microcomputer was first introduced as a computer for hobbyists and experimenters. However, as the industry has grown, microcomputers have become specialized for personal use or for small business use. There is virtually no computer for the serious experimenter with one important exception, the Ohio Scientific Challenger 8P.

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models. It has upper and lower case and graphics in 16 colors. The C8P's standard I/O capabilities are far more extensive than any other computer, with joystick and keypad interfaces, sound output, an 8-bit D/A converter, 16 parallel I/O lines, modem and printer interfaces, AC remote control and security monitor interfaces and a universal accessory port that accepts a prom blaster, 12-bit analog I/O module, solderless prototyping board and more.

Ohio Scientific offers a large library of personal applications programs, including exciting action games such as Invaders and Star Trek, sports simulations, games of logic and educational games, personal applications such as biorhythms, calorie counter, home programs such as checking and savings account balancers and a home budgeter just to name a few. A new Plot BASIC makes elaborate animations easy, and music composition program allows you to play complex multi-part music through the computers DAC.

At the systems level the machine comes standard with OS-65D, an advanced disk operating system with Microsoft BASIC and an interactive Assembler Editor. Optional software includes UCSD PASCAL and FORTRAN and an Information Management System (OS-MDMS). Dozens of independent software suppliers now also offer personal programs for the C8P.



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The C8P DF comes standard with an AC remote control interface, which

allows it to control a wide range of AC appliances and lights remotely, without wiring, and an interface for home security systems which monitors fire, intrusion, car theft, water levels and freezer temperature, all without messy wiring. In addition, the C8P DF can accept Ohio Scientific's Votrax voice I/O board and/or Ohio Scientific's new universal telephone interface (UTI). The telephone interface connects the computer to any telephone line. The computer system is able to answer calls, initiate calls and communicate via touch-tone signals, voice output or 300 baud modem signals. It can accept and decode touch-tone signals, 300 baud modem signals and record incoming voice messages. These features collectively give the C8P DF capabilities to monitor and control home functions with almost human-like capabilities.

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The C8P DF is not a beginner's computer and doesn't come with beginner's documentation. However, Ohio Scientific does offer detailed documentation on the computer which is meaningful for experts, including a Howard Sams produced hardware service manual that includes detailed block diagrams, schematics, parts placement diagrams and parts lists. Ohio Scientific is now also offering fully documented Source Code in machine readable form for OS-65D. the Challenger 8P's operating system allowing experimenters and industrial users to customize the system to their specific applications.

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Ohio Scientific is working on a speech recognizer to complement the UTI system, with a several hundred word vocabulary. The company is also developing an 8 megabyte low-cost, add-on hard disk for use in conjunction with natural language parsing to further advance the stateof-the-art in small computers. The modular bus architecture of the C8P assures system owners of being able to make use of these new developments as they become available just as the owner of a 1976 vintage Challenger can directly plug in voice output, the UTI and other current state-of-the-art OSI products.

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## Multimachine Games

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There you are, staring into a poor dumb tube, spending hours trying to wheedle, cajole, flatter and coax your machine into coughing up a few more points, or maybe into reluctantly admitting every now and then: "YOU WIN!!!(bell)(bell)!!!" How much satisfaction is there in that, really? How much challenge? So you beat the computer. So what? So the computer beat you. Who cares? Do you ever long for a scenario something like the following?....

Tonight will be the final, deciding match of the battle series—the winner will have won the regional computer-club title and will be eligible for the national playoffs next month in San Diego. As you and your worthy opponent, both dressed in black, enter the room, a hush falls over the gathered assembly. You approach your respective consoles, and, at a prearranged signal from the presiding judge, the game begins.

The screen before you contains a wealth of information about the status and positioning of your various forces. You have two "windows" onto the field of play, one centered on your base, the other on your current tank. You see no sign of your opponent or his base in either window, for the field of play is very large: you know that he is out there somewhere, but, as the game begins, you have no idea where.

As you begin to move your tank out of your base, you find that it stays centered in its own window, thereby making previously unseen portions of the field visible to you, while, from the point of view of your base (which is immobile) your tank appears to move away from window center until shortly it disappears off the edge. Quickly reconnoitering your base perimeter, you begin to lay down mines to protect it from invasion. (These mines are visible to you but not to your opponent, to whom a

Cassettes containing Flash Attack for the PET, at \$15 each, and kits containing all the hardware needed to run Flash Attack and other games on the PET, including CB2 sound, at \$15 each, are available from: Mach 2 Software, 96 Hammersmith, Danbury CT 06810.

Quickly reconnoitering your base perimeter, you begin to lay down mines to protect it from invasion.

square filled with one of your mines looks just like a stretch of virgin grassland.) As you do this, the steady clickety-click you hear from your opponent's keyboard tells you that he is not exactly idle either—he is probably mining the area around his base.

Or perhaps his base is well protected by mountain ranges, and he is now already actively seeking yours? Or maybe he has decided on the decoy ploy, and is building and mining an entirely false base to confuse you? You have no way of knowing!

Running out of mines, you frantically return to your base to restock, then rush out again to complete the mining operation. Suddenly you hear the sound of a mine exploding. Has your opponent run across your mine field already? Or did he, in his own haste, run afoul of one of his own mines? Thankful you had the foresight to make your mine fields orderly, you investigate: one of them is missing! Your opponent's tank is now badly damaged, but there are still four more where that one came from, and, more important, he now has some idea as to where your base is.

Out of mines again, and unwilling to return to base to restock, you are unable to patch the breach—instead, you take off after the intruder, and suddenly—there he is! His tank appears within your tank window! You fire—and miss—he maneuvers, fires—and hits you!

Your tank goes into condition yellow—you maneuver, fire—and miss—fire again—a hit! His tank, which was in condition red from having hit the mine, is completely destroyed, but you know that the second of his supply of five tanks has now been made available to him back at his base, wherever that is. Quickly slipping into a nearby forest to survey the area, you suddenly run across what can only be his second tank!

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must be nearby. Accordingly, you ignore the fact that his tank begins firing at you, opting instead to try to catch a glimpse of his base in your tank window before your tank is destroyed.

You maneuver-are hit!-your tank is now in condition red, and you find it difficult to move properly-nevertheless you forge ahead-there is his base! You move again, and hit a mine—your tank is destroyed! However, remembering the coordinates your tank was at when you saw his base, you make a lightning mental conversion from rectangular to polar coordinates, and, shouting insults across the room to distract your opponent's attention, you swiftly key the polar data into your angle and range registers and fire off an intercontinental ballistic missile from your base. A high, falling whistle is heard, followed by a colossal explosion.

A deathly quiet ensues: your condition display glows with the word "SUPREME," while on your opponent's screen you know the condition to be "DEFUNCT." You have triumphed in the first game of tonight's seven-game match—as you glance across to see the look of fierce determination on the face of your opponent, you realize that the remaining games may not be won so easily. The judge, looking at both players, slowly raises his hands, and the second game begins. . . .

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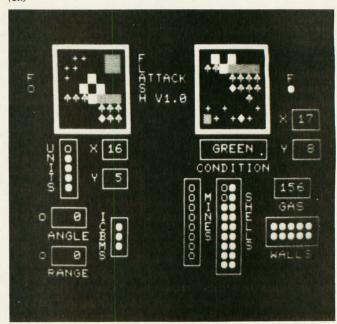
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Commodore PET computers, under the name of Flash Attack. (See photos 1a and 1b.)

A pair of 16 K-byte PETs, TRS-80s, or Apple IIs should allow the development of even more outrageous games of this general type, perhaps involving quicksand pools, laser weaponry, or aerial reconnaissance, to name a few possibilities. The game could even conceivably be generalized to include more than two players, leading to situations in which teamwork and treachery could become determining factors in a game's outcome.

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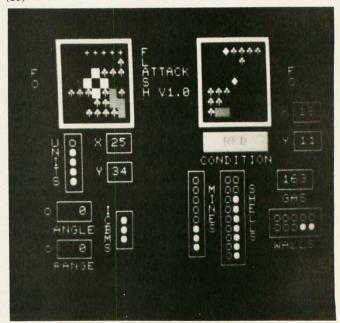
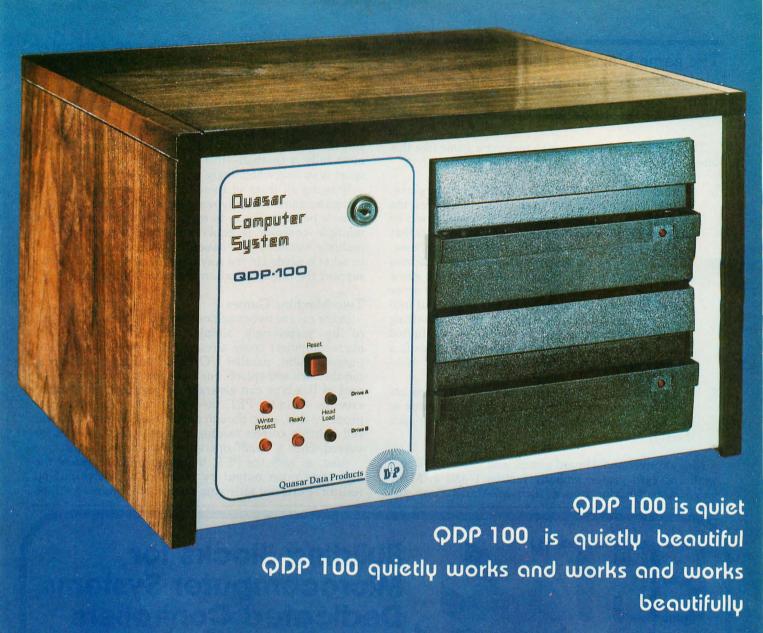


Photo 1: A typical game of Flash Attack fully underway. The photos Ia and 1b show the display screens seen by each of the two players. The two rectangular "windows" seen on each screen represent a limited view of each player's base and the view from his active tank. By presenting only incomplete information to each player, the skill necessary (along with the corresponding sense of accomplishment) is increased.



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The game hinges on the players' judicious use of incomplete information.

The basic factors that go into making a game like this interesting are threefold:

- More than one human player is involved in the game. Rather than having the user compete against the machine, the machine is utilized to permit two or more people to compete with each other in ways that would be impossible without the aid of the machine.
- 2. Success in the game hinges on the players' judicious use of incomplete information. Although the game may, in fact, be entirely deterministic in the sense that each legal move a player proposes gets put into effect without the intervention of any randomizing influence, the fact that each player has only a limited notion as to what his opponents are up to lends a definite element of suspense and calculated risk-taking to the game.
- The game is played in *real time*: one's options are constrained not so much by the rules of the game as by one's own fleetness of hand and mind (or lack thereof).

Many conventional board games, and virtually all conventional card games, embody factors 1 and 2. Many video pinball parlor games, such as Atari's *Pong* and

Tank, embody factors 1 and 3, while most of the rest of the available microcomputer game software embodies either none of these factors (computer chess, backgammon, etc), factor 2 alone (Star Trek, Adventure, etc), or, in exceptional cases, factors 2 and 3 together (real-time Star Trek, etc).

It is interesting to note that, of all the major league sports, the one that embodies all three of these factors most fully is football—this may be the reason why the

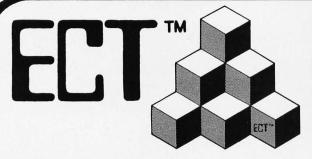
sport is so overwhelmingly popular.

Bringing all three of these factors together in a single computer game virtually requires that more than a single console be used. Since, to most of us, a requirement for multiple consoles is equivalent to a requirement for multiple machines, the issue that will be addressed here is: what is needed in the way of hardware and software to support the implementation of multimachine games?

#### **Two-Machine Games**

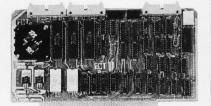
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Also, as with the PET, the port should represent the *high* state upon output by means of a passive pull-up resistor. Ports not satisfying these conditions may still be



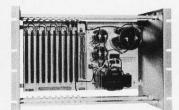
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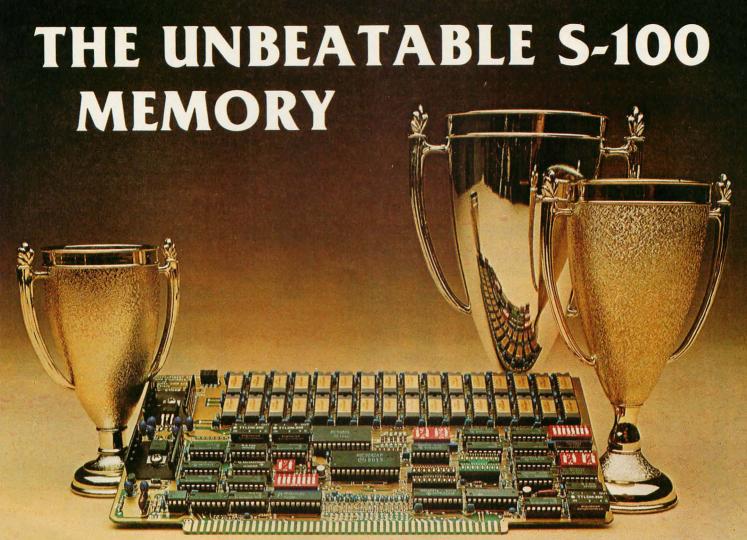
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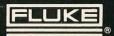
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**Listing 1:** Listing of the program used to test the cable described in figure 1.

| 100 REM*** PROGRAM TO TEST INTER-       |
|-----------------------------------------|
| 110 REM*** MACHINE COMMUNICATIONS       |
| 120 REM***                              |
| 200 GOSUB 10000                         |
| 210 IF PEEK(59471) AND 16 THEN 260      |
| 220 GET S\$                             |
| 230 IF S\$ = "" THEN S\$ = CHR\$(0)     |
| 240 GOSUB 10200                         |
| 250 IF S\$ = "e" THEN 999               |
| 260 GOSUB 10400                         |
| 270 PRINT R\$;                          |
| 280 IF R\$ <> "@" THEN 220              |
| 999 END                                 |
| 10000 REM***                            |
| 10010 REM*** ROUTINE TO INITIALIZE PORT |
| 10020 REM*** INPUTS: NONE               |
| 10030 REM*** OUTPUTS: NONE              |
| 10040 REM***                            |
| 10050 POKE 59471,255                    |
| 10060 POKE 59459,255                    |
| 10070 RETURN                            |
| 10200 REM***                            |
| 10210 REM*** ROUTINE TO SEND BYTE       |

```
10220 REM*** INPUT: S$ = BYTE TO BE
10230 REM***
                        SENT
10240 REM*** OUTPUTS: NONE
10250 REM***
10260 \text{ HN} = INT(ASC(S$)/16)
10270 LN = ASC(S$)-HN*16
10280 POKE 59471,LN+128+32
10290 IF PEEK(59471) AND 128 THEN 10290
10300 POKE 59471, HN+128+64
10310 IF PEEK(59471) AND 128 THEN 10330
10320 GOTO 10310
10330 POKE 59471,255
10340 RETURN
10400 REM***
10410 REM*** ROUTINE TO RECEIVE BYTE
10420 REM*** INPUTS: NONE
10430 REM*** OUTPUT: R$ = BYTE RECEIVED
10440 REM***
10450 IF PEEK(59471) AND 64 THEN 10450
10460 LN = PEEK(59471) AND 15
10470 POKE 59471,127
10480 IF PEEK(59471) AND 32 THEN 10480
10490 \text{ HM} = PEEK(59471) \text{ AND } 15
10500 POKE 59471,255
10510 R$ = CHR$(HN*16+LN)
10520 RETURN
```

used as long as there is provision made within them for individually programming each bit position to be either input or output (examples of the use of such ports will not be given here).

What is needed, then, is an arrangement that will allow a byte at a time to be transferred from either machine to the other. Figure 1 gives the wiring diagram for the cable needed; as you can see, each bit position on each machine is simply directly connected to the corresponding bit position on the opposite machine. This is true for all bits except for the 2<sup>4</sup> bit, labeled ASYM, which is grounded on one machine and left floating *high* on the other. The whole package, including connectors, should cost less than \$5.

Listing 1 contains a program designed to test the cable. It is designed for use on a pair of PETs, but, with minor modifications, it should be capable of supporting any pair of machines with ports satisfying the conditions discussed above. With the cable in place, and with both machines running this program, what should happen is that any keys hit on either machine should be displayed on the screen of the other. Type a shift-Q (not the STOP key) to exit the program and return to BASIC.

The three utility routines of interest here start at lines 10000, 10200, and 10400, respectively. The routine at line 10000 simply initializes the port: location 59471 is the PET's User Port I/O data register, while 59459 is the register used to configure the data pins for input and output. The POKE in line 10060 configures all eight pins as output.

The SEND routine at line 10200 may be called whenever it is desired to send a byte to the opposite

machine. However, the opposite machine must call its own RECEIVE routine, at line 10400, in order for the transfer to take place. There is a potential pitfall here: if, when writing your own code to use these routines, you create a situation in which both machines are trying to send a byte to the other at the same time, or if both machines try to receive a byte from the other at the same time, both will "hang."

The programs running on the two machines must be set up in such a way that whenever one of them decides to send a byte, the other realizes this and sets up to receive it. Given this fact, the purpose of the ASYM bit in figure 1 becomes evident: it guarantees that start-up problems will not arise when running identical copies of a single program in both machines. Consider yourself in the position of the program in listing 1 as you begin running; eventually you would reach the point where you would like to start up a dialogue with the other machine.

Question: should you send a byte to the other machine first, or receive one? You and the other machine had better come to complementary conclusions as to which to do first. Solution: you use the setting of the ASYM bit to decide. This is exactly what happens in line 210 in the listing. If, upon reading the port contents, you find that the 2<sup>4</sup> bit is *high*, you receive first; otherwise you send first. From that point on, in this example, you simply alternate sending and receiving, and everything is fine.

Let's take a closer look at what is actually involved in transferring a byte using this scheme. The nine lines shown in figure 1 can be broken down into four groups:

• GND. This is a signal ground, which must be present in



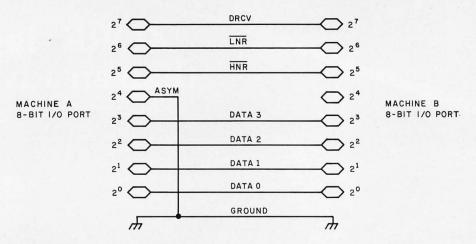


Figure 1: The cable arrangement needed for connecting two PETs in game-playing configuration. Each machine runs the same program, and exchanges relevant information, one byte at a time, with the opponent's computer. The bit labeled 24 determines the initial state of each machine and, thus, whether it first transmits or receives.

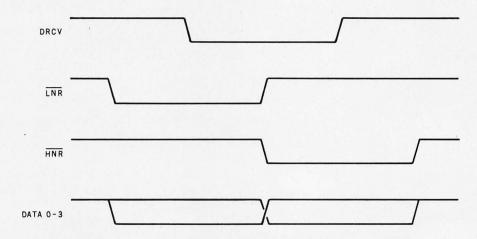


Figure 2: Timing diagram for information transfer using the cable scheme of figure 1. The transmitting computer puts information on the DATA lines, low-order nybble first, and brings the  $\overline{LNR}$  line low. The receiving computer brings the DRCV line low when the information has been accepted. The process is repeated for the high-order nybble, but  $\overline{HNR}$  is used to indicate the presence of new data. When DRCV is brought high, the transmitter and receiver functions reverse.

order for the two machines to have a common reference voltage.

● DATA 0 thru 3. These lines, which are controlled by the sender, carry the actual data being transferred, a nybble at a time (a nybble is half of a byte, or 4 bits).

ASYM. This has already been discussed.

• DRCV, LNR, and HNR (data received, low-order nybble ready, and high-order nybble ready). These are the so-called "handshake" lines. LNR, which is a signal from the sender to the receiver, is brought low by the sender to indicate to the receiver that the low-order nybble of the byte being sent is now ready to be read off of the DATA lines. HNR, also a signal from the sender to the receiver, is brought low by the sender to indicate to the receiver that the high-order nybble of the byte being sent is now ready to be read off the DATA lines.

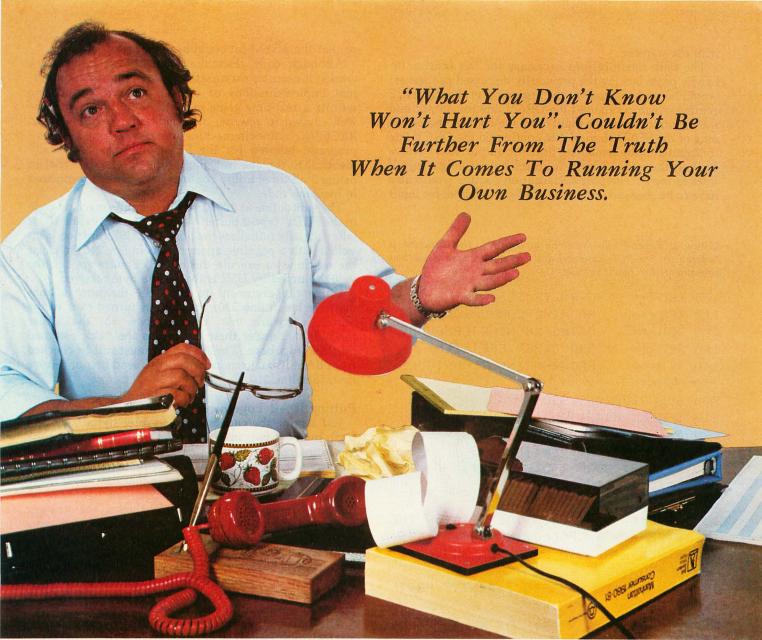
DRCV, which is a signal from the receiver to the sender, is brought *low* by the receiver once he has read the low-order nybble off of the DATA lines, to indicate to the sender that he is ready for the high-order nybble; DRCV is then brought *high* again by the receiver once he has

read the high-order nybble off of the DATA lines, to indicate to the sender that the high-order nybble has been received and that, as far as the receiver is concerned, the transaction is complete.

Figure 2 shows a timing diagram of the whole operation. Essentially, what happens is this:

The sender puts the low-order nybble on the DATA lines, and (by bringing LNR low) says, "Here is the low-order nybble." The receiver reads in the low-order nybble, and (by bringing DRCV low) says, "I've got it." The sender then puts the high-order nybble on the DATA lines, and (by bringing LNR high and HNR low) says, "Here is the high-order nybble." The receiver reads in the high-order nybble, combines it with the low-order one to make a complete byte, and (by bringing DRCV high again) says, "All set. Goodbye." The sender must then return all lines to the high state before returning to his caller.

All lines are left in the *high* state except when actually in use so that if one machine tries to send or receive while the other is off doing something else, the first machine will simply wait until the other is ready before proceeding



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The only modifications necessary for this scheme (to handle ports lacking the previously discussed properties) would be: to have code at the beginning of the RECEIVE routine which configured the DRCV line for output and the remaining lines for input; to have code at the beginning of the SEND routine that configured the DRCV line for input and the remaining lines for output; and to have code at the ends of both routines for reconfiguring all lines as input. The port initialization routine would also have to be changed to initially configure all lines for input

**Listing 2:** Functionally the same as listing 1, this program is tailored for the PET computer and has several utility routines implemented in machine code.

```
100 REM*** PROGRAM TO TEST INTER-
              MACHINE COMMUNICATIONS
110 REM***
              USING MACHINE LANGUAGE
120 REM***
130 REM***
              AND OTHER EFFICIENT
              PROGRAMMING TECHNIQUES
140 REM***
150 REM***
200 GOSUB10000:SYS909
210 IFPEEK(59471)AND16THEN240
220 GETS$:S=0:IFLEN(S$)>OTHENS=ASC(S$)
230 U=USR(S): IFS$="a"THEN999
240 R$=CHR$(USR(-1)):PRINTR$:
250 IFR$<>"@"THEN220
999 END
10000 REM*** THIS ROUTINE SETS UP THE
10010 REM***
                FOLLOWING FACILITIES
10020 REM***
                IN MACHINE LANGUAGE:
10030 REM***
10040 REM***
                SYS909 ... INITS PORT
10050 REM***
                U=USR(+N) ... SENDS N
10060 REM***
10070 REM***
10080 REM***
                U=USR(-1) ...RECEIVES U
10090 REM***
10100 FORI=826T0917: READX: POKEI, X: NEXT
10110 POKE1,58:POKE2,3
10120 IFPEEK(50003)=0THENRETURN
10130 POKE827,154:POKE830,97:POKE834.98
10140 POKE869,109; POKE882,98: POKE903,98
10150 RETURN
11000 DATA 32,167,208,166,179,208,32
11010 DATA 165,180,72,9,240,41,191,141
11020 DATA 79,232,104,74,74,74,74,9
11030 DATA 208,44,79,232,48,251,141,79
11040 DATA 232,44,79,232,16,251,48,44
11050 DATA 32,103,3,76,120,210,44.79
11060 DATA 232,112,251,173,79,232,41,15
11070 DATA 133,180,169,127,141,79,232
11080 DATA 169,32,44,79,232,208,251,173
11090 DATA 79,232,10,10,10,10,5,180,168
11100 DATA 234,234,169,0,162,255,142,79
11110 DATA 232,142,67,232,96
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so that the ASYM bit could be sensed properly.

Although code resembling that shown in listing 1 works, it executes excruciatingly slowly under most current implementations of BASIC. Anyone considering writing a real-time game using these routines would be well advised to rewrite, at a minimum, the SEND and RECEIVE routines in machine language. Listing 2 shows a program, tailored for the PET, which is functionally identical to the one in listing 1: the difference is that in listing 2 all three utility routines have been implemented in machine code.

The subroutine at 10000 now sets up the machine code in the PET's "tape-2 buffer"—the SYS to 909 in line 200 is what actually initializes the port. The USR function is invoked with a negative argument (as in line 240) to cause the machine to execute the RECEIVE software . . . the value returned by USR is that of the byte received.

When the argument to the USR function is non-negative (as in line 230), its value is turned over to the SEND software for transferrence to the other machine . . . under these conditions the value returned by USR is garbage. The ASYM bit must still be checked from BASIC to determine whether to send first or receive first. (See line 210.)

Putting It All Together

Just having the capability to transfer bytes back and forth between two machines does not guarantee success in writing multimachine games. We now need a general strategy for controlling the flow of information between the various machines in such a way that the moves made by each player are processed in a consistent manner by all machines involved. Among other things, the strategy used must ensure that all of the machines involved agree as to the order in which the various players' moves are to be processed. Only one such strategy, the key-oriented strategy, will be discussed here. Although many other approaches to the problem do exist, this one is particularly "clean" and therefore easily debugged; it is also reasonably efficient in both space and time.

The information transfers addressed by any general strategy of this kind fall into two groups: those that occur at initialization time and those that occur during the actual play of the game. The key-oriented strategy calls for all information pertinent to the initial state of the game, including information that may be kept secret from one or more players, to be made known to all machines at initialization time.

Then, during play, a continuous conversation is set up among the machines in which the only information changing hands consists of individual keystrokes generated by the players at their keyboards. If a player generates no keystroke to be sent on a given pass, a zero byte is sent out to the other machine(s) to indicate this fact. Every machine maintains the full status of every player but only displays the information its own player is supposed to see.

Listing 3 shows a program, Real-Time Two-Machine Hangman, designed to illustrate the use of the key-oriented strategy. To keep it short, such things as instructions, gruesome representations of gallows, and so on have been left out. The object of the game is not, as it is in normal Hangman, to guess your opponent's word within a set number of letter-guesses while he sits around telling you where your correct guesses fit in. Instead, both you and your opponent choose words that the other tries to



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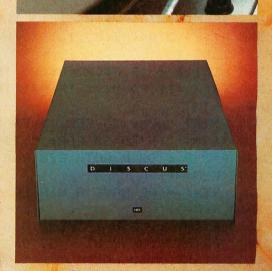
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guess—whoever guesses the other's word first wins.

The program as shown is, of course, only capable of running on a pair of PETs. However, with suitable alteration of the SEND/RECEIVE software, it should be possible to run it on any pair of common microcomputers

possessing the cabling arrangement described above.

### Game Time

To play the *Hangman* game, attach the cable, type the program in, and RUN it on both machines. You and your

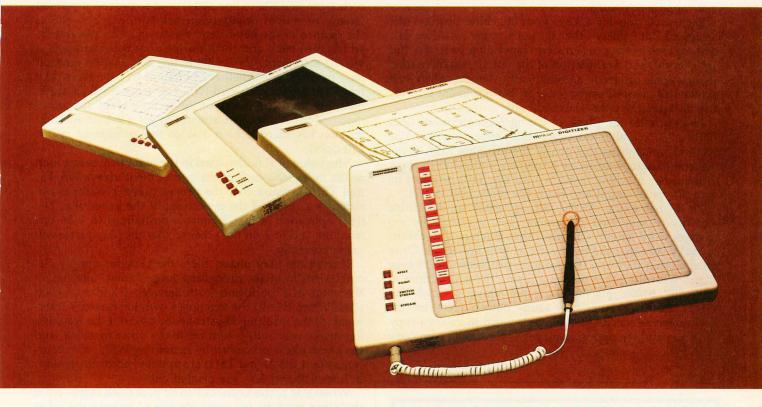
Listing 3: Real-time Two-Machine Hangman in which you attempt to guess your opponent's chosen word first.

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10 REM*** REAL-TIME 2-MACHINE HANGMAN
20 REM***
30 REM***
           ₩$... THE TARGET WORDS
           F$... LETTERS FOUND SO FAR
40 REM***
           T$... LETTERS TRIED SO FAR
50 REM***
60 REM***
90 DIM W$(2),F$(2),T$(2)
100 GOSUB 10000 : SYS 909
110 PRINT "WHAT IS YOUR WORD";
120 IMPUT W$(1)
130 IF PEEK(59471) AND 16 THEN 190
140 LS=USR(-1): U=USR(LEN(W$(1)))
150 IF LS<>LEN(W$(1)) THEN 210
160 GOSUB 5100 : GOSUB 5000
170 GOSUB 5200 : P=2 : GOTO 280
190 U=USR(LEN(W$(1))): LS=USR(-1)
200 IF LS=LEN(W$(1)) THEN 230
210 PRINT "WORDS ARE NOT SAME LENGTH"
220 GOTO 110
230 GOSUB 5000 : GOSUB 5100
240 GOSUB 5200 : P=1
250 REM***
255 REM*** MAIN PROCESSING LOOP
260 REM***
270 M$=CHR$(USR(-1)): GOTO 300
280 GET Ms : Ms=MIDs(Ms+CHRs(0),1,1)
290 U=USR(ASC(M$))
300 IF M$=CHR$(0) THEN 500
310 FOR I=1 TO LS
320 IF M$<>MID$(W$(P),I,1) THEN 360
350 F$(P)=MID$(F$(P),1,I-1)+M$+MID$(F$(
P),I+1,LS-I)
360 NEXT I : IF F$(P)=W$(P) THEN 1000
390 T$(P)=T$(P)+M$ : IF P=1 THEN 500
400 PRINT
410 PRINT "WORD SO FAR: ";F$(2)
420 PRINT "TRIED SO FAR: ";T$(2)
500 P=3-P: ON P GOTO 270,280
 1000 REM***
 1005 REM*** WE HAVE A WINNER
 1010 REM***
 1020 PRINT : IF P=1 THEN 1040
1030 PRINT "YOU WIN" : GOTO 1100
1040 PRINT "YOU LOSE"
1100 PRINT "THE MAGIC WORD WAS: ";W$(2)
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5000 REM*** ROUTINE TO SEND ENTIRE WORD
               TO OTHER MACHINE
5005 REM***
5010 REM***
5020 FOR I=1 TO LS
5030 U=USR(ASC(MID$(W$(1),I,1)))
5040 NEXT I : RETURN
5100 REM***
5105 REM*** ROUTINE TO RECEIVE ENTIRE
               WORD FROM OTHER MACHINE
5110 REM***
5115 REM***
5120 FOR I=1 TO LS
5130 W$(2)=W$(2)+CHR$(USR(-1))
5140 NEXT I : RETURN
5200 REM***
5205 REM*** ROUTINE TO INITIALIZE BOTH
5210 REM***
               F$ ENTRIES TO ALL DASHES
5215 REM***
5220 FOR I=1 TO LS
5230 F$(1)=F$(1)+"-" : F$(2)=F$(2)+"-"
5240 NEXT I: RETURN
10000 REM*** THIS ROUTINE SETS UP THE
10010 REM***
                FOLLOWING FACILITIES
                IN MACHINE LANGUAGE:
10020 REM***
10030 REM***
10040 REM***
                SYS909 ... INITS PORT
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10080 REM***
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10110 POKE1,58:POKE2,3
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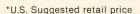
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opponent will each be asked to enter a word—if the words entered are of different lengths, the program prints an error message and reprompts both players for new words. Once the program has accepted the two words, any key you strike is taken to be a letter-guess directed at your opponent's word.

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and declares the winner accordingly.

The initialization phase of listing 3 encompasses lines 10 thru 240 and all of the subroutines appearing from line 5000 on up. During this phase, the program POKEs the machine-language software into place, initializes the port to the other machine, and then (in line 110) prompts its own player for input and reads the reply into W\$(1).

Then, using the ASYM bit as usual to determine whether to send first or receive first, it essentially exchanges word lengths with the other machine and checks to make sure that the two word lengths are equal. Once satisfied that they are, the program proceeds to exchange words with the other machine (using the subroutines at 5000 and 5100), placing the other player's word into W\$(2). Both machines now know both players' words. Each machine has its own player's word in its own copy of W\$(1) and the opposing player's word in its own copy of W\$(2).

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# The Play Phase

At this point, the program is ready to enter the play phase, but first it must set the initial value of the *player select* variable P to either 1 or 2, depending on the setting of the ASYM bit. The reason for this is that the section of code from line 300 to line 500 is used to process proposed letters, or moves originating from *both* players—this is the essence of the key-oriented strategy. The variable P, which flips back and forth during play between 1 and 2 via the statement "P=3-P" in line 500, is used on each pass to determine whether to attempt to get a keystroke from one's own keyboard (which is what the GET statement in line 280 does) or to receive from the other machine the result of its attempt to get a keystroke from its own keyboard (which is what the assignment in line 270 does).

The value of P is also used in the main processing loop as the index into each of the two-element arrays W\$, F\$, and T\$, to ensure that the proper player's status is updated as a result of the processing of the keystroke. The net implication is that P must be initialized to 1 on one machine and to 2 on the other so that the play phase will

begin correctly.

During the play phase, then, the program simply circulates in the main processing loop shown, alternating the value of P back and forth between 1 and 2 on each pass. When P is 2, the machine's own keyboard is interrogated, the resulting keystroke (or a zero if the resulting keystroke was null) is sent off to the other machine, and the keystroke is processed by examining W\$(2) for occurrences of it. F\$(2) and T\$(2) are updated accordingly and, in lines 410 and 420, are printed out.

When P is 1, the keystroke to be processed comes from the other machine (in order for this to happen the other machine's copy of P will at this point be equal to 2). The keystroke is processed by examining W\$(1) for occurrences of it, and F\$(1) and T\$(1) are updated but not printed out, since they are of interest only to the player

on the other machine.

Checking for the end-of-game is thus very simple: as soon as F\$(P) becomes equal to W\$(P), the game is over, and the value of P for which this was the case can be used (as it is in line 1020) to determine who won.

This is how a typical real-time two-machine game involving incomplete information is implemented. Other good candidates for implementation in this manner would be *Star Trek*, *Kriegspiel* (a version of chess in which neither player is ever entirely sure just where his opponent's pieces are located), and *Stratego*. You can easily design entirely new Adventure games, a submarine battle for example, using the basic approaches given here. The possibilities are certainly more exciting and creative than playing *Battleship* with pencil and graph paper.

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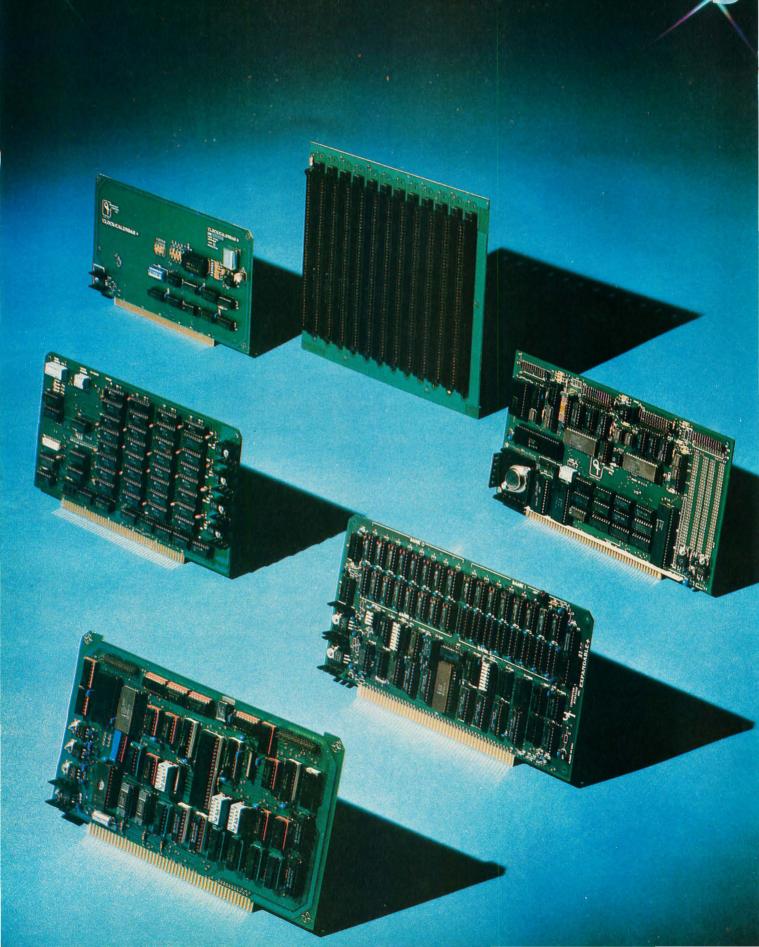
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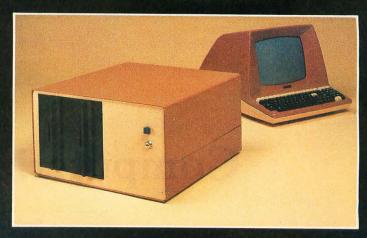
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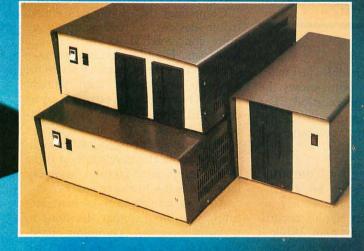
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# Computerized Testing

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Suppose for a moment that you are a custom-electronics manufacturer. You have accepted a job to produce 1000 sequential-controller boards for a major photocopier manufacturer. (It is not unusual for large companies to farm out control subassemblies.) For all practical purposes, the controller board is a microcomputer that has various output combinations in response to designated inputs. As a subassembly manufacturer, you have the responsibility for testing the controller boards as well as building them.

The controller board in question has ten inputs and ten outputs. When a particular input signal is received (perhaps from the copy button), the controller activates one or more outputs, waits a preset time limit, and then changes the output. Depending upon the input-signal combination, the sequence may have one to five steps. The timing intervals can also vary within each sequence.

Without going into too much detail, it is easy to see that what we are discussing could prove to be a nightmare to test. It could conceivably be done manually in perhaps 2 or 3 hours with a maze of switches, indicators, and wires. With 1000 of them to build, it would take the services of two workers, and only six units could be shipped a day. (If you are lucky, you won't have to deliver 1000 controllers in 3 months,)

If you have any business sense at all, you know that such a situation is worth avoiding. (Customers have a

The general industry practice of estimating software cost results in a cost of \$20 to \$40 per line of finished code.

habit of changing schedules just when the only technician who knows the test procedure goes on vacation.) The obvious solution is automatic testing, or more explicitly, computerized testing.

## Automated Testing by Computer

Automated testing is an activity where a machine simultaneously activates and monitors signals according to a prescribed test plan. While it is not a necessity, most automatic testers incorporate microcomputers because of the cost advantages and flexibility they impart to the tester. Microcomputers replace bulky relays and hardwired logic in older designs. The latest economically priced units are in fact nothing more than a basic computer with some specialized front-end interfacing.

In many applications, it is cheaper to configure your own test system and program it for a specific application rather than buy a "board tester." In our photocopy-board example, the hardware for ten input and ten output bits is relatively inexpensive. The application program to do the testing re-

quires some thought, however.

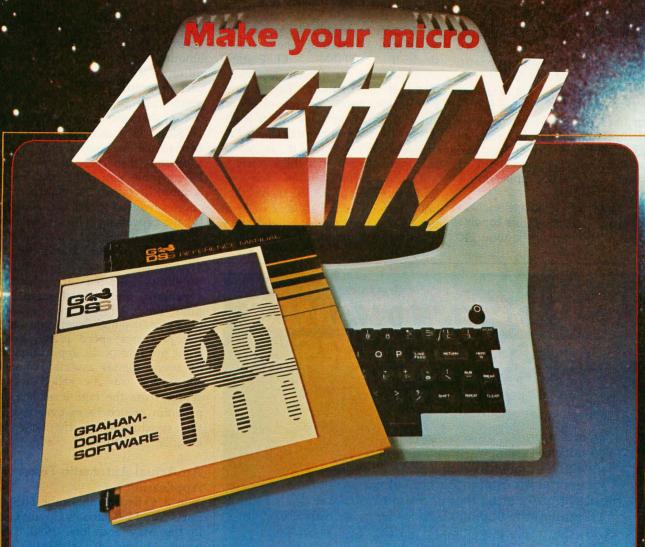
There are two ways to write software for automatic test and controller applications. One is to use assembly language, and the other is to use a high-level language such as BASIC, tiny-c, or FORTH.

Companies that manufacture electronic devices in 1000-quantity are quite concerned about memory size and costs. High-level languages take considerably more memory space for a given application than straight assembly code. Every extra 1 K bytes costs \$10. This results in \$10,000 difference for each 1 K increment on 1000 photocopier controllers. In high-volume applications where cost is the most important factor, assembly language is used to save space.

As a custom-electronics manufacturer, you have similar decisions to make concerning computer hardware. You must design an automated device to efficiently test the photocopier controller. Unfortunately, you are building only one unit and will not have the large production volume over which to amortize the software-development costs. Your only choice is to risk becoming uncompetitive by raising the price of assembling each controller board. Therefore, it is in your best interests to keep these testing costs low.

# High-Level Languages in Control Applications

The cost for developing a program is much higher than you probably thought. (Many business profes-



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sionals discover this only after buying computers.) The general industry practice of estimating software is to charge at the rate of one line of code per hour regardless of the language used. This results in a cost of \$20 to \$40 per line. You may write ten lines of code in the first hour, but with all the documentation, debugging, and testing involved, one per hour is realistic by the time the application is thoroughly finished.

For a high-level language such as BASIC, the average line-for-line coding-time comparison is about 10

to 1 over assembly language. As much can be accomplished with a single IF . . . THEN . . . ELSE statement as ten or fifteen assembly-language instructions. For limited production items, or one-of-a-kind applications, where one line of high-level code costs no more than one line of assembly code, it is more reasonable to consider the former.

The major limitation of high-level languages such as BASIC is that they are interpretive and slow (2 to 5 ms per line). They require a fixed block of code (2 K bytes for a tiny BASIC to

24 K bytes for a fully extended disk version) to interpret and execute any amount of program statements in addition to the memory containing the user program. The size of the interpreter depends upon the sophistication of the instruction repertoire.

"Slow" is a relative term. If you need to activate a signal only 10 times a second, then there is no conflict. Doing something 500 times a second is more involved. As the interpreter code is reduced in size and complexity, the processing speed is increased. In its bare-bones state, a tiny BASIC has only integer arithmetic, no alphanumeric string-handling capability, limited array-handling capability, and limited math functions. But it is fast by comparison to fully extended high-level languages. If full processor speed is required in some portions of the application, one or more special assembly-language subroutines can be called and executed from the high-level language program, which takes over again at the conclusion of the assemblylanguage subroutine.

# An Actual Automatic Tester Application

In "I/O Expansion for the TRS-80," Parts 1 and 2 (Ciarcia's Circuit Cellar in the May and June 1980 BYTE, pages 22 and 42, respectively), I presented an article on the design of a serial/parallel I/O (input/output) interface for the TRS-80 called the COMM-80. (A block diagram of the interface is shown in figure 1.) I have received an influx of reader inquiries concerning component sources and terminal software. This leads me to believe many people are building the interface.

This assumption, as well as a need to have a good diagnostic program for any computer peripheral in production, prompted me to design the hardware and software necessary to automatically test a COMM-80. In addition to providing anyone who has constructed the interface with a useful test program, the resulting effort fully demonstrates use of a highlevel language in a test/control application.

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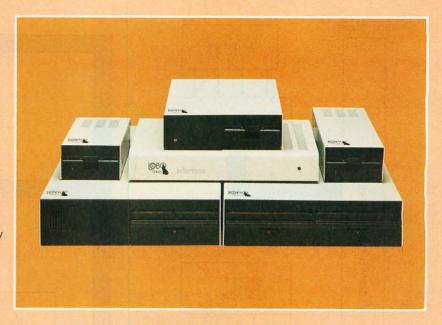


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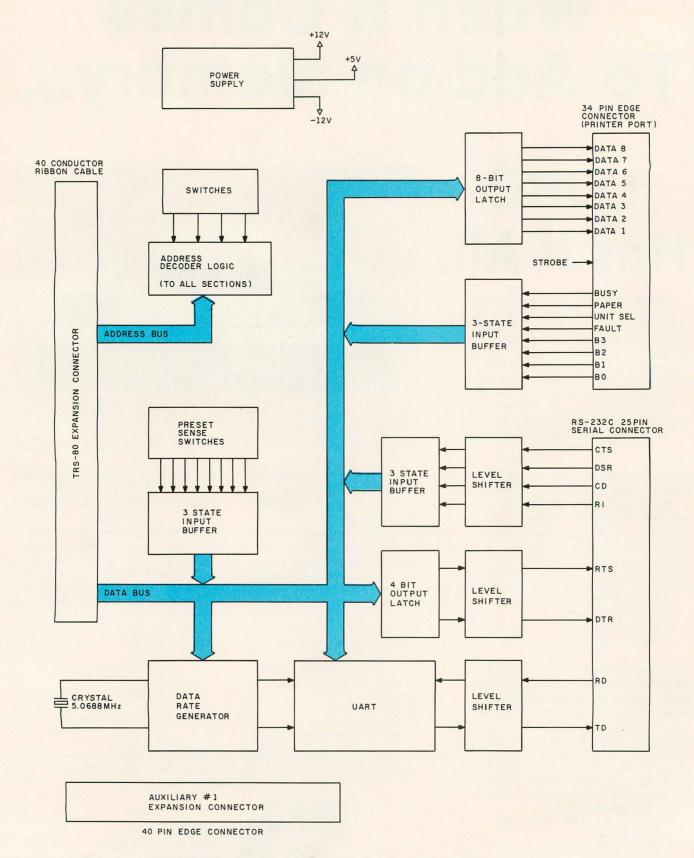
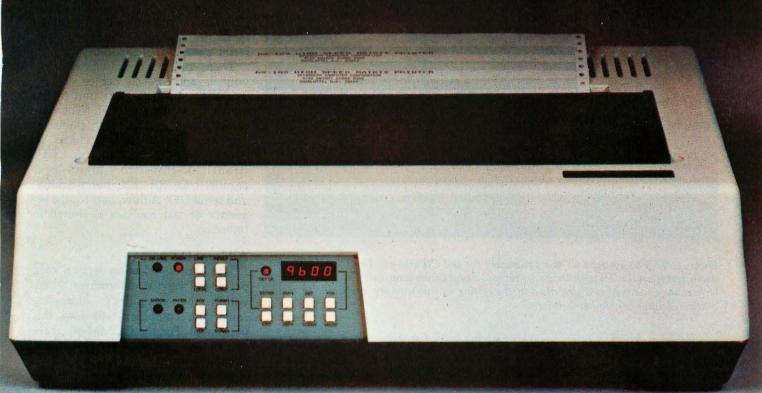


Figure 1: Block diagram of the COMM-80 I/O interface showing the interrelationship of the signals.

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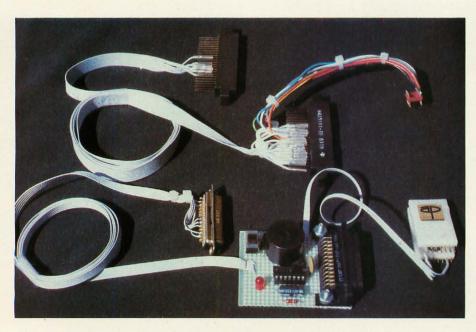
lengthy test when done manually.

# The Test Sequence

As I previously mentioned, most automatic testers consist of a microcomputer and some front-end interfacing hardware. In this applica-



**Photo 1:** TRS-80 system and test equipment for the COMM-80. The COMM-80 unit under test is on the left with the cover removed and cables attached. The programming techniques employed and described in the testing of this unit are applicable to many other computer-control applications.



**Photo 2:** Test cables required to run diagnostics on a COMM-80 serial/parallel I/O interface. The cable on the top (from figure 3) connects the test-unit printer port to the master-unit printer port. The 8-bit parallel output is also wired to a sixteen-pin dual-inline plug header to test the programming-plug input.

The cable on the bottom (from figure 6) connects the test unit RS-232C signals to the master unit's RS-232C port. The prototyping board contains a beeper that is triggered when the computer outputs data through the test-unit printer port.

tion, I chose to use the TRS-80 as the test computer for obvious reasons, but the software is written so that it can be executed on most similar BASICs. The front-end equipment, consisting of a serial and parallel port, is coincidentally another COMM-80 that is set at an address different (hexadecimal 37F8) from the test unit. When the test unit is exercised, the computer reads the results through the second (master) unit. The entire computer configuration is shown in photo 1. The second unit is required only to provide the automatic test computer with the proper serial/parallel I/O capability.

There are four major tests involved, and special cables are required to attach the test unit to the master unit (see photo 2). When attached, they appear as in photo 3. The sequence of tests includes in order: address decoding, TTL (transistor-transistor logic)-level parallel I/O, RS-232C handshaking, and serial I/O. A flowchart for the sequence of test routines is shown in figure 2.

## Address Decoding

The address-selection section of a peripheral device determines where within the computer's addressing range the computer will find this peripheral. For the COMM-80, there are sixteen locations between hexadecimal locations 3708 and 37F8 to which it can be set. To be compatible with standard Radio Shack software, the setting should be 37E8. Generally speaking, the failure in address decoders is usually the switch and not the logic. It is not enough to set the unit for address 37E8 and presume that, if it works, the rest of the addresses will. All sixteen addresses need not be checked, but each one of the 4 selectable address bits should be cycled. My preference is to check six combinations: all on, all off, and one on at a time. The only way to determine if they work is to successfully accomplish I/O communication at each address.

Figure 3b is a diagram of a circuit that facilitates this test. It is a simple one-quarter-second beeper that is activated by the 1  $\mu$ s printer outputstrobe pulse. Only the address-decoder circuitry and the 74121 (IC16) strobe-pulse generator on the COMM-80 board are involved. If a test unit is set for an address of 37E8.

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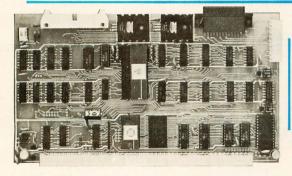
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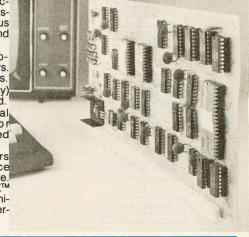
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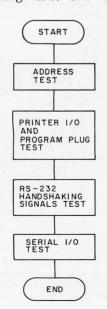
the beeper will sound every time the computer writes data to that address. In addition to providing a method for testing the address decoder, the beeper serves as an audible indicator during other test sequences.

An integrated-circuit test clip facilitates access to +5 V (to power the beeper). It also conveniently picks up the strobe pulse and provides ground, even though they are available on the printer connector. The beeper circuit is completely independent of the other cables, but it is constructed on a board attached to the RS-232C connector, for convenience.

Figure 4 charts the test sequence, and listing 1 contains the actual code. This software, as well as that of the other tests, is designed as an independent subroutine to allow multiple passes.

Initially, all switches are set to the open position (hexadecimal address 37F8), and the computer attempts to write to the printer at port 37F8. If the address decoder works, the beeper should sound continuously. If not, there is a problem. Once continuous beeping is achieved, reset the address switches (as shown in photo 4) to hexadecimal address 3778 and press the @ key. This action tells the computer to try to write to printer port 3778. Once again the beeper should sound.

The sequence is repeated five times with the last address, hexadecimal 37E8, being left as the switch setting for all future tests. The master unit is permanently set at address 37F8 for all remaining tests. The test takes



**Figure 2:** Flowchart of the four-step sequence employed to test the COMM-80.

whatever time it takes to flip the switches and press a key.

Printer Port and Programming Plug

Figure 3a outlines the hardware necessary to test parallel I/O. On the COMM-80, there is one full 8-bit

parallel I/O port for the printer and one 8-bit option-select programming-plug input port. The latter has no physical connection to the serial hardware, but is used to set serial-communication options under software control. With the interface set at hexadecimal 37E8 the programming

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Listing 1: BASIC program testing the address decoding of the COMM-80.

```
100 PRINT"********
                       ADDRESS CHECK **********
105 REM THIS SUBROUTINE CHECKS EACH ADDRESS BIT OF THE ADDRESS
107 REM SELECTION SWITCH
130 PRINT"SET ALL ADDRESS SWITCHES TO THE OPEN POSITION"
140 GOSUB 510
150 POKE 14328,0
160 GOSUB 500
170 IF A$="@" THEN 180 ELSE 150
180 PRINT:PRINT"CLOSE SW1 ONLY" :GOSUB 510
190 POKE 14200,0
200 GOSUB 500
210 IF A$="@" THEN 220 ELSE 190
220 PRINT: PRINT"CLOSE SW2 ONLY" : GOSUB 510
230 POKE 14264,0
240 GOSUB 500
250 IF A$="@" THEN 260 ELSE 230
260 PRINT:PRINT"CLOSE SW3 ONLY" :GOSUB 510
270 POKE 14296,0
280 GOSUB 500
300 IF A$="@" THEN 310 ELSE 270
310 PRINT:PRINT"CLOSE SW4 ONLY" :GOSUB 510
320 POKE 14312,0
330 GOSUB 500
340 IF A$="@" THEN 350 ELSE 320
350 PRINT:PRINT"ADDRESS TEST CONCLUDED....LEAVE ADDRESS SWITCHES
 IN THIS SETTING";
360 PRINT"FOR REMAINDER OF TESTS AND SHIPPING"
370 GOSUB 2500
380 RETURN
500 A$=INKEY$ :RETURN
510 PRINT"IF YOU HEAR A BEEP THEN PRESS AN @ KEY" : RETURN
2500 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE TEST"
2510 IF INKEY$<>"" THEN RETURN ELSE 2510
```

**Listing 2:** *BASIC program testing the printer parallel port and programming plug of the COMM-80.* 

```
10 REM COMM-80 DIAGNOSTIC PROGRAM
20 REM
30 REM MASTER UNIT SET FOR ADDRESS F8-FB
40 REM
50 DATA 0,1,2,4,8,16,32,64,128,255
55 FOR X=1 TO 10 : READ Z(X) : NEXT X
1000 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"******
                                 PRINTER PORT AND PROGRAMMING PLU
G TEST
1010 FOR X=0 TO 9
1020 POKE 14312, Z(X) : REM SET DATA ON TEST UNIT PRINTER OUTPUT
1030 S=PEEK(14312) : REM READ TEST UNIT PRINTER INPUT
                   :REM READ TEST UNIT PROGRAMMING PLUG
1040 S1=INP(233)
1050 S2=PEEK(14328) : REM READ MASTER UNIT PRINTER INPUT
1060 IF S+S1+S2<>3*Z(X) THEN 1200
1070 NEXT X
1080 PRINT"PROGRAMMING PLUG AND PRINTER PORT CHECK OK"
1090 RETURN
1200 IF S2<>Z(X) THEN PRINT"BAD PRINTER OUTPUT PORT --- FAILED ON ";Z(X);" DATA VALUE" :GOSUB 2500 :RETURN
1210 IF S1<>Z(X) THEN PRINT"BAD PROGRAMMING PLUG INPUT --- FAILE
D ON "; Z(X); " DATA VALUE" : GOSUB 2500 : RETURN
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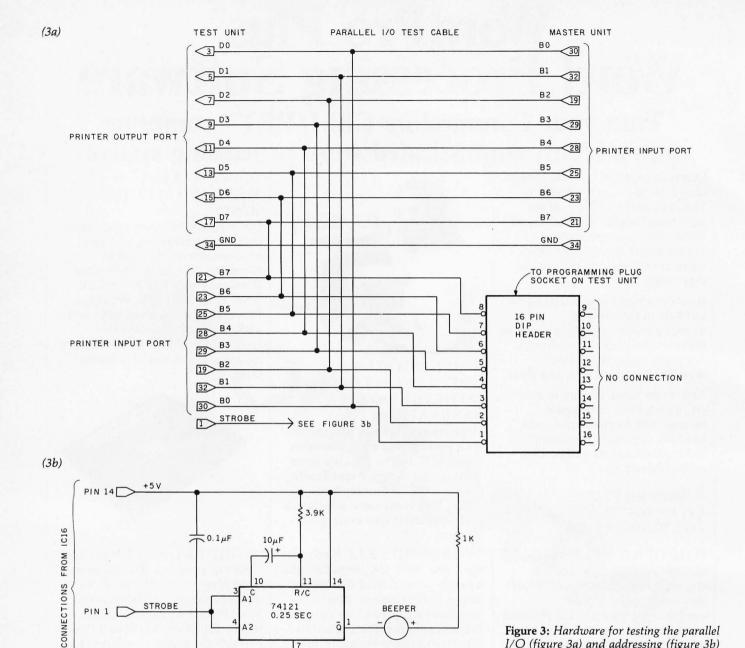
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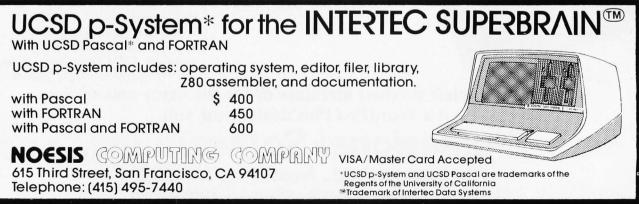
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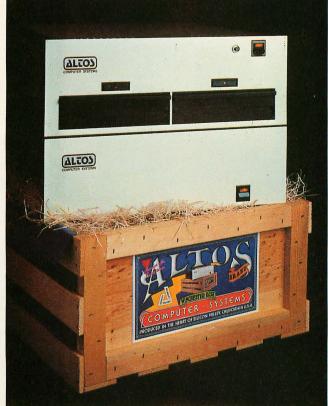


beeper circuit that tests the address selection of the COMM-80.



I/O (figure 3a) and addressing (figure 3b) capabilities of the COMM-80. Figure 3a shows an I/O test cable that connects the master and test units. Figure 3b shows a

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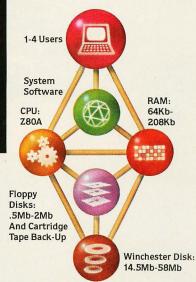
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The concept behind this is to have the test unit send a data byte from its own output port to both input ports. The master unit reads the same 8 bits to determine that they are set correctly. While we could have gone from input to output (sixteen wires) between master and test units, nothing better would be accomplished. Figure 5 and listing 2 outline this activity in detail. The test takes about 1 second.

### RS-232C Handshaking Test

A similar technique is employed to check the RS-232C handshaking signals. The necessary interface cable is outlined in figure 6. Figure 7 and listing 3 detail the logic flow.

There are two output (DTR, Data

Terminal Ready, and RTS, Request To Send) and four handshaking signals (RI, Ring Indicator; CD, Carrier Detect; DSR, Data Set Ready; and CTS, Clear to Send) on the RS-232C interface. Some are almost never used, but all must be checked and functioning. The test is accomplished by tying the input to the output on the test unit and monitoring the output lines again through the master unit. With two signal lines, there are four possible combinations, and all are checked. The test takes about 1 second.

### Serial I/O Test

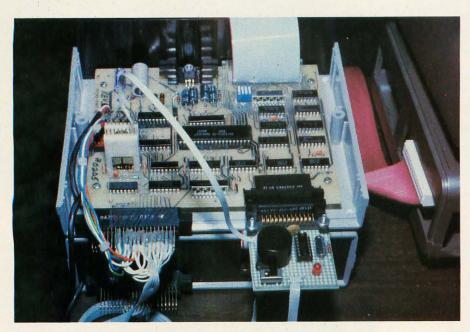
The serial section of the COMM-80 incorporates a COM5016 data-rate generator and a COM2017 UART (universal asynchronous receiver/transmitter). Both are programmable devices. Through them, it is possible to automatically set data rates, parity, word size, and stop-bit options completely through software. This makes testing much easier and eliminates the necessity of manually flipping switches. Figure 8 and listing 4 outline this test.

Upon initial examination, the software looks straightforward. Ten bytes of data (all on, all off, and each individual bit set) are sent from the master unit to the test unit at each of the sixteen data rates. The communication path is then reversed and 10 bytes are sent from the test unit to the master at each data rate to complete the test.

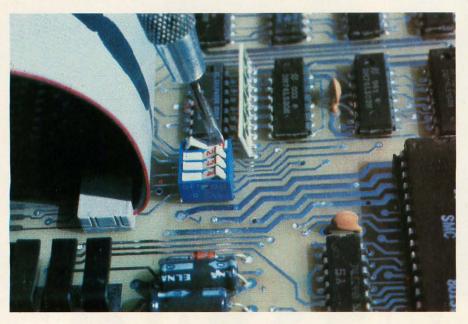
It may be surprising to note that a close examination reveals no assembly-language routine to transmit or receive the serial data. Even at 19,200 bps (bits per second), the serial communication and UART program interaction are accomplished completely in BASIC. (Remember that it takes less time to write a program in the higher-level language. So, if you don't need assembly-language routines, why bother?)

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**Photo 3:** A production COMM-80 under test with cables attached. A second unit beneath it provides the computer with the necessary I/O capability to successfully interface to both a serial and parallel port. This capability is also available using a Radio Shack Expansion Interface with a RS-232C board installed.



**Photo 4:** Address selection during test. When the beeper is heard, the proper address has been selected on the dual-inline plug switch.

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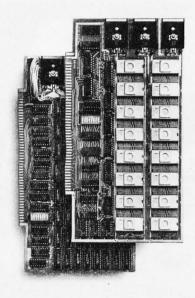


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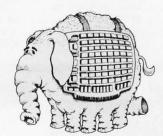
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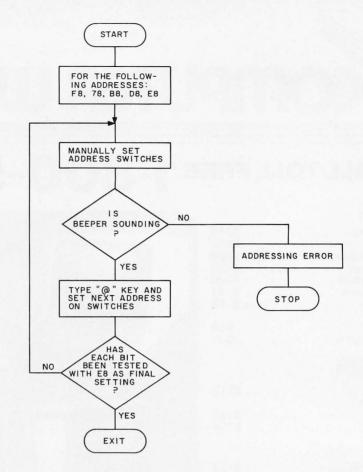
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**Figure 4:** Flowchart showing the sequence of the address-decoder test program.

**Listing 3:** BASIC program testing the RS-232C handshaking signals of the COMM-80.

60 DATA 0,0,0,2,128,48,1,64,192,3,192,240

65 FOR X=0 TO 3 : READ A(X), B(X), C(X) : NEXT X

2000 REM THIS SUBROUTINE CHECKS THE RS-232 HANDSHAKE LINES

2002 REM THE DTR AND RTS SIGNALS ARE TIED TO RI, CD, DSR, AND CTS 2005 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"\*\*\*\*\*\* RS-232 HANDSHAKE SIGNAL TEST

2010 POKE 14312,0 : REM SOUND BEEPER

2020 FOR X=0 TO 3

2040 OUT 234, A(X) : REM SET DTR AND RTS ON TEST UNIT

2050 D=INP(248) :D=D AND 192 :REM READ CTS AND DSR ON MASTER

2060 IF D<>B(X) THEN 2200

2070 E=INP(232) :E=E AND 240 :REM READ TEST UNIT LINES

2080 IF E<>C(X) THEN 2300

2090 NEXT X

2100 PRINT" RS-232 HANDSHAKE SIGNALS CHECK OK"

2110 RETURN

2200 PRINT" MALFUNCTION ON DTR OR RTS OUTPUT SIGNALS" : RETURN

2300 PRINT"MALFUNCTION ON RI, CD, DSR, OR CTS INPUT SIGNALS": RETURN

Listing 4: BASIC program testing the serial input and output of the COMM-80.

50 DATA 0,1,2,4,8,16,32,64,128,255 55 FOR X=1 TO 10 :READ Z(X) :NEXT X

75 DIM N(16)

80 DATA 50,75,110,134.5,150,300,600,1200,1800,2000,2400

85 DATA 3600,4800,7200,9600,19200

90 FOR X=0 TO 15 : READ N(X) : NEXT X

2500 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE TEST"
2510 IF INKEY\$<>"" THEN RETURN ELSE 2510

3000 PRINT: PRINT: PRINT" \*\*\*\*\*\* SERIAL INPUT TEST \*\*\*\*\*\*

3010 POKE 14312,0 : REM SOUND BEEPER AT START OF TEST

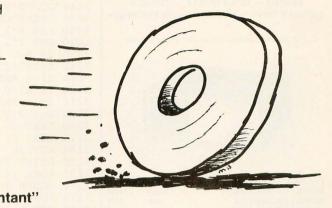
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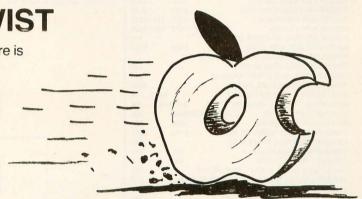
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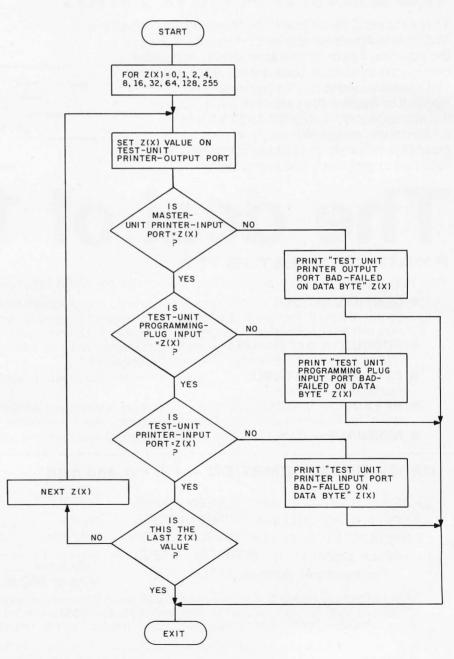
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**Figure 5:** Flowchart showing the sequence of operations of the parallel I/O test program.

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3230 S=INP(250) : REM READ MASTER UNIT STATUS REGISTER 3240 S1=S AND 56 : REM MASK OR, PE, AND FE

3250 IF S1>0 THEN 3800

3260 IF S AND 128=0 THEN 3850

3270 D=INP(251) :IF D<>Z(X) THEN 3900

3280 NEXT X

3290 NEXT B

3300 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"TEST COMPLETE"

3310 RETURN

3500 OUT 232,0 :OUT248,0 :REM RESET MASTER AND TEST UNITS

3510 OUT 234,228 :OUT 250,228 :REM SET BOTH UNITS FOR 8 BITS,

3520 REM EVEN PARITY AND 1 STOP BIT

3530 RETURN

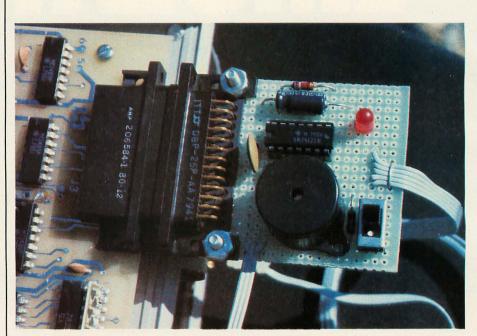
3600 OUT 233,B+B\*16 :OUT 249,B+B\*16 :REM SET EQUAL BAUD RATES

3610 RETURN

3800 PRINT"STATUS BIT ERROR":GOSUB 2500 :RETURN 3850 PRINT"NO DATA RECEIVED":GOSUB 2500 :RETURN

3900 PRINT"WRONG DATA RECEIVED": GOSUB 2500 : RETURN

3950 FOR A=0 TO 60 :NEXT A :RETURN



**Photo 5:** Close-up of RS-232C connector on the unit under test. The circuit on the perforated board is a 0.25-second monostable multivibrator (one-shot) activating a lowvoltage beeper.

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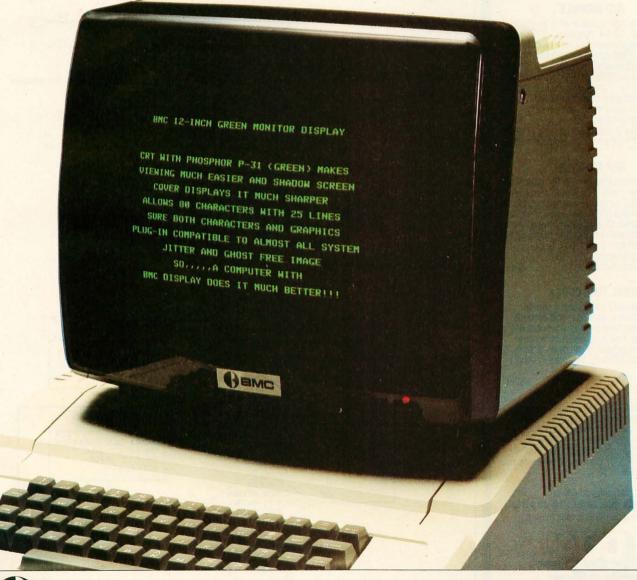
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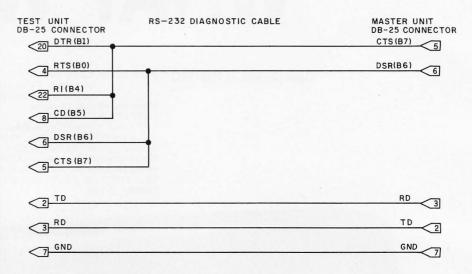
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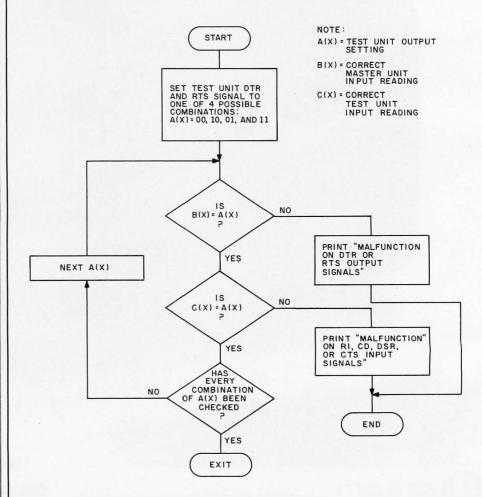


Figure 7: Flowchart showing the sequence of operations of the RS-232C handshaking test.

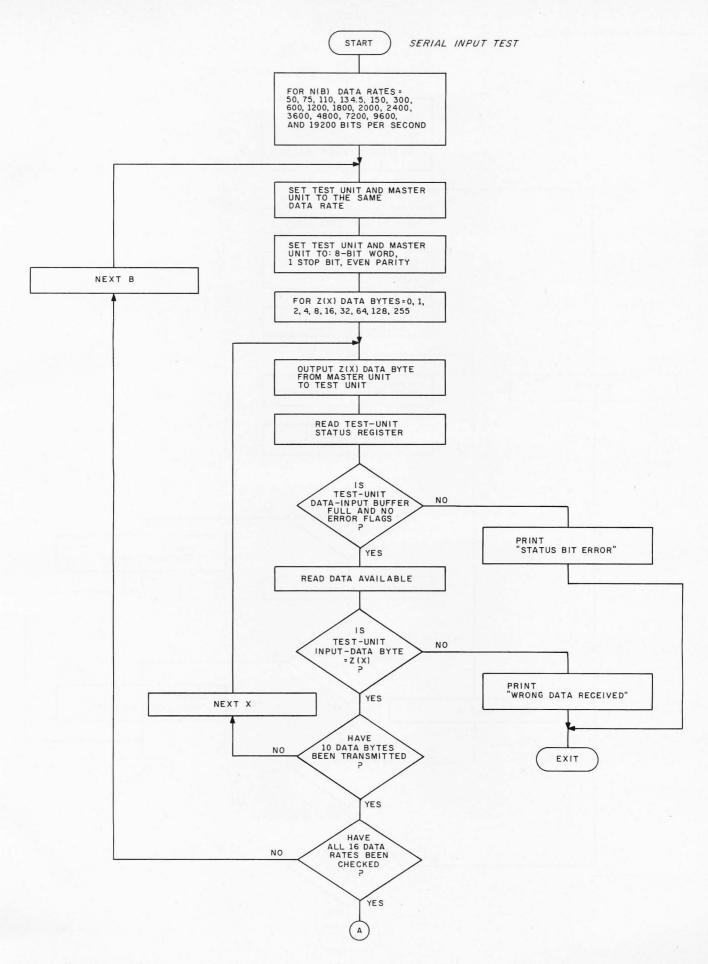
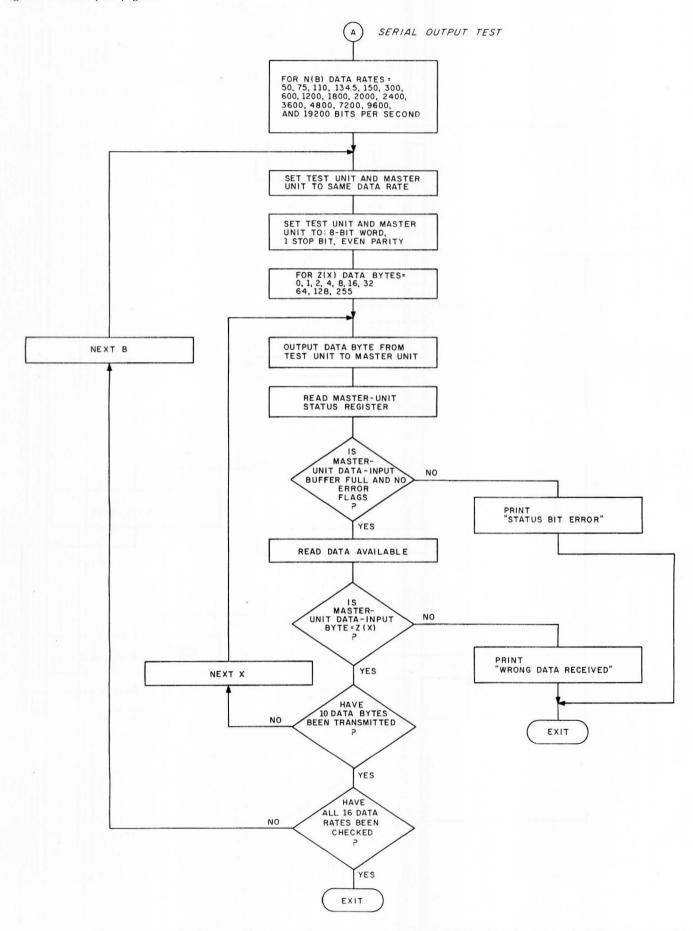


Figure 8: Flowchart of the sequence of operations of the serial input and output tests. Figure 8 continued on page 68



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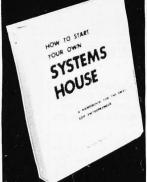
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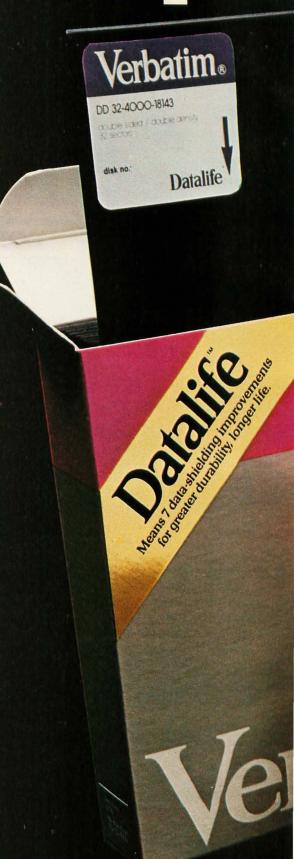
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# Product Review

# **Dungeon Campaign**

Gregg Williams, Editor

One of my favorite games for the Apple II is *Dungeon Campaign*, from Synergistic Software (see "At a Glance" box for details). I cannot think of any game that causes such delight in playing, and I cannot think of a game that offers so much entertainment per unit of program. *Dungeon Campaign* is an example of fine game design and expert use of limited resources. Even though it does not use either game paddles or high-resolution graphics, it is far more entertaining than most games that do.

When the game begins, the computer draws four levels of mazes and erases them (this takes a minute or two). It has just created the maze that you will explore. After the full maze has been created, the program places you in the middle of a blank area that represents the top level of the maze. You use five 1-keystroke commands (U, D, R, L, and J) to move your explorer group (shown as a red square) up, down, right, or left (J for jump can precede any of these commands to jump over a square that might contain danger). As you move in the maze, adjacent walls become visible, allowing you to explore the level you are on. If you are lucky in your explorations, you will find some treasure, your group of explorers will not be totally destroyed, and you will leave the bottom level of the maze, thus winning the game.

The object, of course, is to find treasure; but in your explorations you may find stairways, pit traps, monsters, poison gas, man-eating dragons, and several other inhabitants; I will not tell you about these others to give you the surprise of discovering them. Combat with different kinds of monsters is resolved by die rolls for each side and subsequent computation (all done by the program); this gives the program an entertaining *Dungeons and Dragons*-like flavor.

The program is, at times, subtle. For example, sometimes the bottom level is drawn with the single exit blocked off (the maze is randomly created for each game). At first, I thought there was no way to leave the maze and win the game. But, in a later game, I discovered a "magic carpet" treasure that can be used only once to take your explorers over walls. This is an indication of the sophistication of this seemingly simple (but always enjoyable) game.

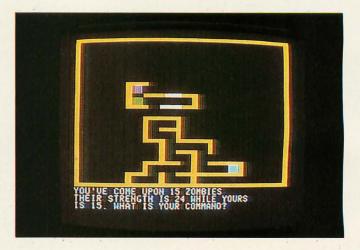


Photo 1: A partially explored maze in Dungeon Campaign. The red and green squares in the middle of the display are the explorers and a group of zombies, respectively, that are about to do battle. The thick white lines denote a stairway, while the light blue square near the bottom represents a hazard of unknown kind (at the moment).

## At a Glance

Name

Dungeon Campaign

Type

Low-resolution color graphics game

Manufacturer

Synergistic Software 5221 120th Ave SE Bellevue WA 98006 (206) 641-1917

Price

\$15 cassette, \$17.50 disk

Format

Cassette tape or 5-inch disk

Language

Applesoft and Integer BASIC versions (both

versions supplied in each package)

Computer

Apple II or Apple II Plus, with 32 K bytes of memory (16 K bytes for cassette Integer BASIC version)

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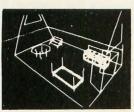
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# A Stellar Trek

Harold Nelson, Editor

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## At a Glance

Name A Stellar Trek

Type High-resolution color graphics game

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> Price \$24.95

**Format** 5-inch floppy disk

> Language BASIC

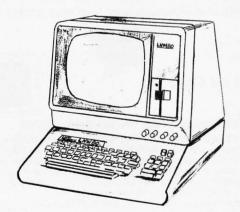
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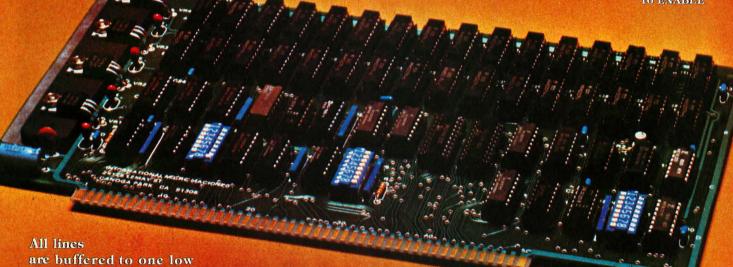
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Photo 1: The Klingon ship in sector 9 (row), 9 (column) fires on the Enterprise in sector 5,2. In addition to the Enterprise and three Klingon ships, there are six stars in this quadrant. To the right of the quadrant display is important status information. Below that is a grid giving information on the quadrants surrounding the one currently occupied by the Enterprise, with the displayed quadrant in the center. In the space below the display you are given some messages and enter your commands.



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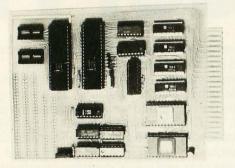
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A Stellar Trek also has several interesting commands not present in standard versions of Star Trek games. For example, you can scan a nearby planet for dilithium crystals. If they are present, you can beam down to the planet, mine the crystals, and return them to the Enterprise. The dilithium crystals can then be used as an emergency source of energy, though they tend to be unstable. You can, if you are desperate enough, employ an experimental death ray. Even if the Enterprise is abandoned or destroyed, all is not necessarily lost.

An important feature, since games can take a very long time, is the Freeze command. This enables the player to save the game being played for later completion.

A Stellar Trek makes very fine use of the Apple II high-

resolution graphics. (See photos 1 and 2.)

As indicated above, this game is not played in real time. The only annoying aspect of the game, in fact, is the amount of time it takes for displays to change, to enter new commands, and to be able to react to new situations. It also takes an awfully long time for a photon torpedo to find (or miss) its target.

Apart from the fact that this is not a fast-paced game, it is, in all other respects, an excellent version of an old standard. It requires thought, planning, and some luck. It provides engaging enjoyment (or frustration for the unwary). A Stellar Trek is a very fine game and makes good use of the capabilities of the computer.

Note: The documentation contained in the original package received did not explain all of the options available with the use of the phasers. However, a call to the people at Rainbow Computing Inc resulted in an updated version of the documentation. This new version nicely clarifies all possible uses of the phasers and a few other matters in addition. This immediate action based on our suggestions is very impressive. It seems that this company has a sincere interest in user satisfaction from its software.

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# Product Review

# Morloc's Tower

Gregg Williams, Editor

The Automated Simulations' Dunjonquest games are as close to a computer-automated *Dungeons and Dragons*-type dungeon as I have seen. Naturally such games do not have the inventiveness or the vindictiveness of a human dungeonmaster. They do have the advantage of allowing you solitary play. And, in contrast to conventional Adventures which are essentially puzzles that, once solved, hold no interest, the Dunjonquest games are randomly configured at startup to give you a worthwhile game even if you have won the game before.

Morloc's Tower is a Dunjonquest of average complexity, simpler than The Temple of Apshai, yet more complicated than the beginner's Datestones of Ryn. Your character is Brian Hammerhand, and his self-imposed task is to kill Morloc the Mad before sunrise to prevent the destruction of Hagedorn, a village under Morloc's rule. The format of the game is simple: the screen shows an overhead outline of the room you (ie: Brian) currently are in (see photo 1). Your character, a small graphics figure in the center of the room, can be caused to move, fight, search, and perform other tasks by an appropriate 1- or 2-keystroke command. There are thirty rooms in the Tower, six levels of five rooms each, and they are drawn for you as you enter them through doors (secret and visible) and stairwells.

## At a Glance

Name Morloc's Tower

Type Graphic role-playing Adventure game

Manufacturer
Automated Simulations
Inc
1988 Leghorn St
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Format
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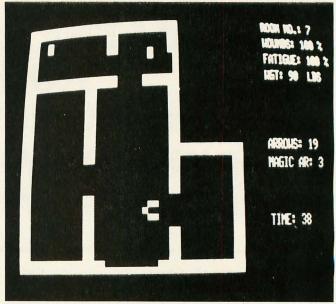
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The game is similar to conventional Adventures in that there are several treasures in the Tower, some of which are necessary to kill Morloc, others of which will hinder or harm you in the attempt. And, of course, there are monsters that will try to kill you. As an example of commands in Morloc's Tower, fighting commands are A (attack), T (thrust), P (parry), F (fire a normal arrow), and M (fire a magic arrow). Each command has different effects on you and your attacker, usually trading off effectiveness of attack or defense with the degree of fatigue or wounds suffered by you. The game takes place in real time, which means you have to act quickly in fights. This makes the game a lot more interesting than most Adventures.

This game, like other role-playing games, takes a lot of time to play, and Morloc's Tower must be played at one sitting; there are no commands to save the state of the game. The version that I used, a cassette version for the TRS-80 Model I, is contained on both sides of the cassette. Side one is the program itself, while side two contains three sets of data statements, one of which is read to create a game in one of three levels of complexity. (I found that you have to leave the remote jack in the TRS-80 cassette recorder during loading; the program doesn't have enough time to "digest" the data if the tape runs uninterrupted.)

My only complaint against the game is one of speed; character movement is just a bit slow, and the delay of over a minute to redraw a fully explored level (when returning to it from another level) is quite annoying. Both these problems could be solved with a machine-language



**Photo 1:** A game of Morloc's Tower in progress on the Radio Shack TRS-80. The three-block symbol near the bottom of the center room represents the player's character, and the two small rectangles are treasures. Information on the status of the game and the player is given on the right-hand side of the screen.

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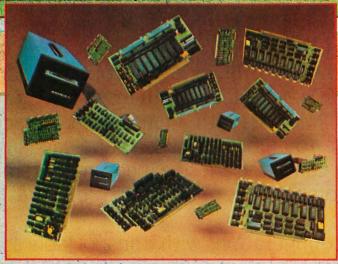
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# Product Review

# Odyssey: The Compleat Apventure

Harold Nelson, Editor

One Friday afternoon recently, I decided to try my hand at a new game that sounded most intriguing. The evening before I had read over the game documentation pamphlet (I would urge any Odyssey adventurer to do the same before undertaking a game). On this particular Friday, I played one game which ended in less than success. A friend then joined me and we played a game together-one person at the keyboard and the other going through the documentation pamphlet. We must have begun this game around 4:30 PM. After thoroughly touring the island on which the game begins (see photo 1) and amassing a large army, a good deal of wealth, and considerable equipment, we decided to embark on a ship we had just purchased (very reasonably priced) for another island. Thinking it was about 6:30 PM, we decided to have something to eat before going to sea. We were astonished to discover that it was actually about 8:00 PM. We had been playing for nearly four hours, though it seemed like only half that time.





Photo 1: The island on which the Odyssey game begins. The crosses indicate villages containing markets where you can purchase supplies and equipment for your journey. The human shape shows the location of you and your followers (mostly mercenaries). The figure to your south is an ancient temple which is locked and can be opened and entered only with the appropriate devices. The figure to the northwest of you is a hut which is the dwelling of any one of an assortment of characters. Directions, hints, and questions are generally given below the map. Commands are, for the most part, single keystrokes (eg: E to move east). The major exception is typing numbers (eg: amounts of quadroons to bargain for a purchase or a bribe). Photo by Charles Freiberg.

# At a Glance

#### Name

Odyssey: The Compleat Apventure

Type High-resolution color graphics game

#### Manufacturer

Synergistic Software 5221 120th Ave SE Bellevue WA 98006 (206) 641-1917

> Price \$30

Format 5-inch floppy disk

> Language BASIC

#### Computer

Apple II with 48 K bytes of memory and Integer BASIC

#### Documentation

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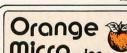
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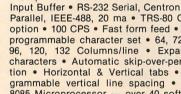
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Upon returning to our game on that Friday evening, we set sail and were just getting the knack of handling our ship when we were lost in a fog bank and ran aground. We spent quite awhile trying, unsuccessfully, to get free. When we first went aground there was a brief message to the effect that local fishermen would help us for a price. This message appeared quite briefly and did not reappear.

In a case such as this, if the correct command is not found, it may seem as though there is a bug in the program causing it to go into a infinite loop. A call to Synergistic Software convinced us that this is not the case and that there is one command that can result in freeing a ship caught in this situation. (Hint: Use quadroons.)

Some friends have said that they would like to see a little more detail in the documentation about how the outcome of battles with bandits and various monsters is determined. But, on the other hand, the element of uncertainty and chance that the user experiences may add to the excitement and enjoyment of the game. Also, the documentation does include the relative worth of the different offensive and defensive devices available. And, with some luck, one can increase his ability to avoid battle when its outcome appears doubtful.

The finest feature of this game is its use of high-resolution color graphics. It is the best use of color graphics in a game for the Apple that I have seen.

While this program does not operate in real time, certain features of the game give the user the illusion that it is doing just that. This is especially true of traveling on horseback, flying on a magic rug (should you encounter a

wizard inclined to give you one), and sailing.

Another strong feature of the game is the great number of possible encounters both on land and at sea and the variety of outcomes that can result from these encounters. These are too numerous to list or begin to describe in a brief review, and learning to deal with them is a major part of the enjoyment of this game.

It is also interesting that, as opposed to some Adventure games, it is virtually impossible to reproduce an *Odyssey* game. Each game starts at a randomly chosen point and the locations of castles, tombs, and other objects and creatures are also changed with each game. Hence, each game is unique.

#### Conclusions

- This is a very fine game for the Apple II computer. It makes excellent use of color graphics. Fans of Adventure and Dungeon games should find this to be an interesting and challenging addition, with some new twists, to their collections. For those just developing an interest in this type of game, Odyssey is such a good one that starting with it may greatly diminish the interest you have in other Adventure games.
- The documentation seems, at the very least, adequate. Some users may desire more detail on how various aspects of the program work. At any rate, there is enough information, presented in a clear and interesting manner, to allow virtually anyone to start playing the game.
- My only criticism of the program is that some of the messages offering hints on what to do next (such as that mentioned above about the local fishermen) appear so briefly that if their meaning is not clear at first or if you are momentarily distracted, they might as well not have been there at all.
- It is important to keep in mind that a well-played game of *Odyssey* is going to take a lot of time, but games can be saved and played in installments. The only short game is an unsuccessful game with an obvious outcome. ■

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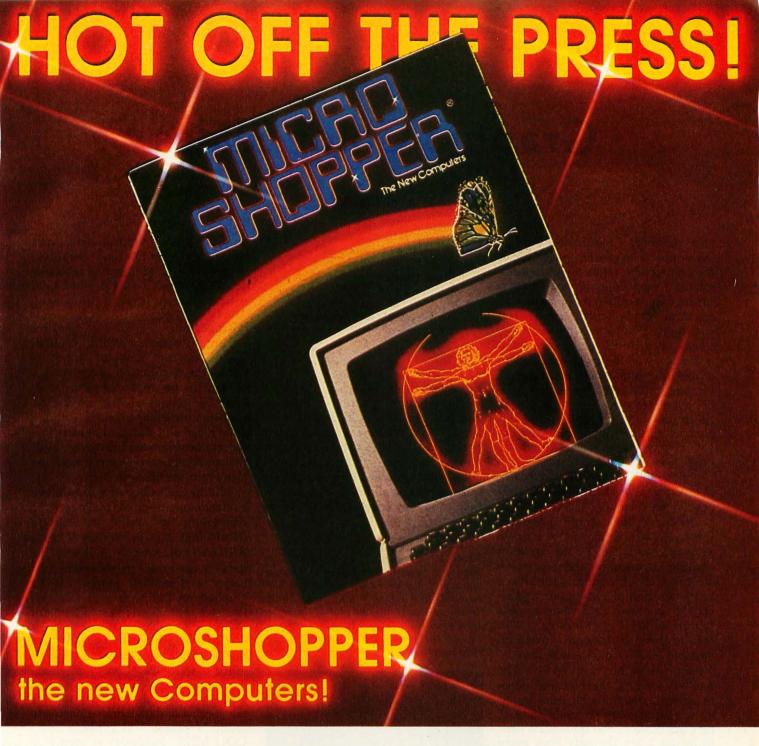
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# Graphic Color Slides

# Part 2

In "Graphic Color Slides, Part 1" (November 1980 BYTE, page 126), I demonstrated a series of subroutines for the Compucolor II that together can be used to plot a set of points, an equation, or horizontal or vertical bar graphs. The listings in this article, when added to the subroutines given in listing 1 of the cited article, will enable us to plot several new types of graphs. These listings also demonstrate the use of these subroutines in building specialpurpose programs that generate a desired kind of graph. The programs listed here are designed to run on a Compucolor II with extended disk

BASIC and at least 16 K bytes of pro-

grammable memory.

The first three graph programs have been written as part of a single program (see listing 1); the equation plotting, histogram, and regression routines all use the subroutines unaltered. Both the histogram and regression routines use a statistics subroutine at line 11400 that calculates the arithmetic average (program variable MEAN) and the standard deviation (variable DEVIAT). The monthly analysis chart routine, given in listing 2, illustrates how the graphics subroutines can be modified for a new application; the subroutine lines in listing 2 are the only lines being changed, not the entire subroutine. As before, the variable names used in these listings have been chosen to describe their function.

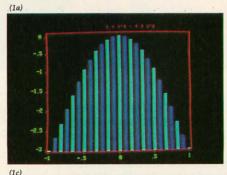
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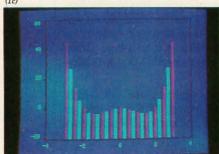
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**Equation Plotting** 

The equation plotting routine is contained in lines 1000 thru 1086 of listing 1. This routine is similar to the one in last month's article in that it allows the user to change screen colors and to save a finished graph; but this routine allows you to graph a new equation, select a different type

**Photo 1:** Examples of equation plotting. Photos number 1a thru 1d show the same equation,  $Y = X^4 - 4X^2$ , plotted in different X- and Y-ranges and colors. Photo 1b shows a conventional plot of the equation; photos 1a, 1c, and 1d show the equation as the upper edge of a series of vertical bars.



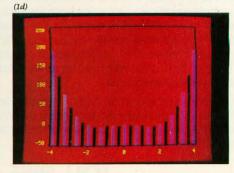


of plot (line or vertical bars), and choose different X- and Y-ranges. Photos 1a thru 1d illustrate the same equation,  $Y=X^4-4X^2$ , plotted in several different ways.

Histogram

The histogram plotting routine, lines 2000 thru 2390 in listing 1, allows the distribution of a given set of data to be displayed as a histogram. In addition, the theoretical Gaussian (bell-shaped) curve with the same mean and standard deviation is superimposed on the histogram; also, the areas under the curve and the histogram are the same.

Within the listing, the one-dimensional data to be plotted as part of the histogram is stored in ARRAY (N,0)—that is, in ARRAY (1,0), ARRAY (2,0), ARRAY (3,0), etc. The data is analyzed to determine the largest and smallest numbers to be graphed on the horizontal axis and the step size (variables HIGH (0), LOW (0), and JUMP (0), repectively). The user selects the number of bars in the histogram, and the value is stored in the variable COLUMNS. The data is classified as belonging to one of COLUMNS groups, and the tally of the number of data items belonging to group N (where N is between 1 and COLUMNS, inclusive) is stored in ARRAY N,1). The height of the equivalent Gaussian curve is calculated in the statistical subroutine at line 11400, leading to the display of



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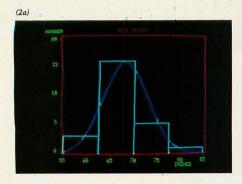
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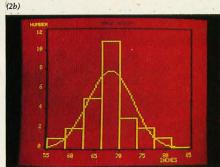
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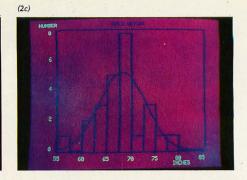


Photo 2: Examples of histograms. Here, a Gaussian (bell-shaped) curve having the same mean and area is superimposed on each of the histograms. Both the number of bars in the histogram as well as the colors used can be chosen by the user.

the histogram and Gaussian curve with labeled X- and Y-axes.

The same data, once entered, can be displayed with different colors and a different number of histogram bars. Photos 2a thru 2c show the same set of data displayed in different ways.

Regression

The regression routine, lines 4000 thru 4760 of listing 1, allows two sets of data to be plotted with a regression line for comparison. The two sets of data are graphed as X, Y pairs (with the X data being the independent variable and the Y data the depen-

dent variable). Then the computer finds the best line that describes a certain presumed relationship (linear, logarithmic, exponential, or reciprocal, as chosen by the user) for those points. If the chosen relationship is linear (if the user is performing a linear regression), the actual Y value is plotted with its given X value. If the relationship is logarithmic, exponential, or reciprocal, the dependent (Y) variable is replaced by the appropriate transformed value—that is, the X data point is plotted opposite ln Y, e<sup>y</sup>, or 1/Y, respectively.

After the data pairs and the regres-

sion type have been entered, the original Y data (stored in ARRAY [N, 2]) is transformed according to the regression type, with the transformed Y values stored in ARRAY (N, 1). At this point, the program makes the necessary calculations and displays the resulting graph, plotting the data points and the regression line that best fits them. (Actually, the regression line given by any regression except linear regression is not a straight line but rather a logarithmic, exponential, or reciprocal curve that best fits the data. These curves appear as straight lines because we are graphing X not against Y, but against a transform function of Y-ln Y, e<sup>y</sup>, or

1/Y, respectively.)

Once the data has been entered, it can be displayed in different colors with different kinds of regression. Photos 3a thru 3d show the same data graphed varying the colors and regression type. The data was taken from the following example: we have four test tubes (2, 3, 4, and 6) from a larger series of test tubes, and each one has a chemical solution in it; the independent (X) variable is the tube number, and the dependent (Y) variable is the measured strength of the solution in that tube. A linear regression on these data points (photo 3a) provides a poor fit, as does exponential regression (photo 3b). Logarithmic regression provides a better fit (photo 3c), but reciprocal regression provides the best fit of all (photo 3d).

## Monthly Analysis Graph

The monthly analysis graph, shown in photos 4a and 4b, is a specific case of a graph that will plot the values of one or more variables over a given range of the independent variable. Here, income for 4 years is plotted for each month of the year. The

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5 REM KY 5 REM GRAPHS. (C) A. W. GROGONO. AUGUST 1979

6 REM HISTOGRAM, REGRESSION, EQUATION, V1

40 RESTORE :CLEAR 200:DIM I\$(12)

50 DATA 1,2,6,4:FOR I= 1TO 4:READ COLOUR(I):NEXT I

90 PLOT 29, 27, 24, 15, 14, 2, 255, 6, 1, 12, 3, 16, 3; REM CLEAR PAGE

100 PRINT "SPECIAL GRAPHS": PRINT

110 PRINT :PRINT ,, "1. CREATE HISTOGRAM"

120 PRINT :PRINT ,, "2. LINEAR REGRESSION"

130 PRINT : PRINT ., "3. PLOT EQUATION"

140 PRINT :PRINT ,, "4. ERASE/REVIEW IMAGES"

150 PRINT : PRINT ., "5. MAIN MENU"

190 PLOT 10, 10, 9, 9, 9, 9: INPUT "ENTER #: "; CHOICE

200 ON CHOICEGOSUB 2000, 4000, 1000, 7000, 220: GOTO 5

220 LOAD "MENU": RUN

490 REM WRITE EQUATION AT 500, EG: 500 Y= X^2 - 3\* X

510 RETURN

990 REM

991 REM

992 REM SUBROUTINE TO PLOT EQUATION

993 REM

1000 DIM ARRAY(25,1): REM PLOT EQUATION

1010 TITLE\$= ""

1020 GOSUB 10100: REM EQUATION SUB

1030 PRINT :PRINT ,,:INPUT "X-BARS OR LINE: ";I\$

1035 K= 1- (I\$= "X")

1040 GOSUB 9000:ON KGOSUB 11100,11200:GOSUB 11900

1042 GOSUB 11800:IF K\$= "C"THEN 1040:REM COLOR SELECT

1045 PLOT 3, 0, 31, 6, 4, 11, 3, 15, 31

1050 INPUT "NEW EQUATION, RANGE, SAVE OR MENU: "; I\$

1060 IF I\$= "E"THEN PLOT 12:GOTO 10132

1070 IF I\$= "R"THEN 1020

1075 IF I\$= "S"THEN GOSUB 11500

1085 IF I\$= "M"THEN RETURN

1086 GOTO 1045

1190 REM

1191 REM

1192 REM SUBROUTINE TO ANALYSE DATA AND PLOT HISTOGRAM

1193 REM

2000 GOSUB 10000:REM HISTOGRAM

2010 AXIS= 0:GOSUB 10210:GOSUB 10310

2015 IF HIGH(0)> BIG(0)THEN 2020

2017 BIG(0)= BIG(0)+ JUMP(0)/ 2:GOSUB 10310

2020 PLOT 6, 6, 12, 3, 8, 5: PRINT "THE HISTOGRAM WILL EXTEND FROM ";

2030 PRINT LOW(0); " TO "; HIGH(0): PRINT : PRINT

2040 PRINT, "SELECT NUMBER OF COLUMNS IN HISTOGRAM: ":PRINT

2050 DATA " 4"," 6"," 8","12","16","24".

2060 RESTORE 2050:PRINT :FOR I= 1TO 6:READ COLUMNS\$

2070 PRINT ,, ""; CHR\$ (64+ I); " "; COLUMNS\$; " COLUMNS"

2080 PRINT : NEXT I

2110 PRINT ,,:INPUT "SELECT A - F: "; J\$:J= ASC (J\$)- 64:REM

2120 IF JC 10R JD 6THEN PLOT 28,11:GOTO 2110

2130 RESTORE 2050:FOR I= 1TO J:READ COLUMNS\$:NEXT I

2140 COLUMNS= VAL (COLUMNS\$)



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2150 FOR I= 1TO COLUMNS:ARRAY(I,1)= 0:NEXT I:REM ZERO SUMS

2160 JUMP= SCALE(0)/ COLUMNS:FOR ITEM= 1TO NUMBER

2170 GROUP= 1+ INT ((ARRAY(ITEM,0)- LOW(0))/ JUMP)

2180 ARRAY(GROUP, 1) = ARRAY(GROUP, 1) + 1:NEXT ITEM

2200 PLOT 6, COLOUR(1), 12: AXIS= 0: GOSUB 11400

2210 GOSUB 11900:AXIS= 1:GOSUB 10210:REM BIG(1)

2220 DEF FN E(I)= EXP (- ((MEAN(0)- I)^ 2/ (2\* DEVIAT(0)^ 2)))

2225 DEF FN F(I)= DEVIAT(0)\* COLUMNS\* 2,50663

2230 DEF FN G(I)= NUMBER\* SCALE(0)\* FN E(I)/ FN F(I):REM GAUSS

2240 IF FN G(MEAN(0))> BIG(1)THEN BIG(1)= FN G(MEAN(0))

2250 GOSUB 9020:REM FRAME

2260 PLOT 6, COLOUR(4): REM GAUSSIAN CURVE

2270 FOR I= LOW(0)TO HIGH(0)STEP (HIGH(0)- LOW(0))/ 24

2280 AXIS= 0:PLACE= 1:GOSUB 10700

2290 AXIS= 1:PLACE= FN G(I):GOSUB 10700

2300 ON 1- (I= LOW(0))GOSUB 11020,11010:NEXT I

2310 FOR AXIS= 0TO 1:PLACE= LOW(AXIS):GOSUB 10700:NEXT AXIS

2320 PLOT 6, COLOUR(3):GOSUB 11010:FOR I= 1TO COLOUMNS:REM HISTO

2330 AXIS= 1:PLACE= ARRAY(I,AXIS):GOSUB 10700:GOSUB 11020

2340 AXIS= 0:PLACE= LOW(AXIS)+ I\* JUMP:GOSUB 10700:GOSUB 11020

2350 AXIS= 1:PLACE= LOW(AXIS):GOSUB 10700:GOSUB 11020:NEXT I

2355 GOSUB 11900:GOSUB 11800:IF K\$= "C"THEN 2010:REM COLORS

2360 PLOT 3, 0, 31, 6, 4, 11, 3, 15, 31

2370 INPUT "NEW DATA, HISTOGRAM, SAVE OR MENU: "; I\$

2375 IF I\$= "M"THEN RETURN

2380 IF I\$= "D"THEN 5

2385 IF I\$= "S"THEN GOSUB 11500:GOTO 2355

2390 ON - (I\$= "H")GOTO 2010:GOTO 2355

3990 REM

3991 REM

3992 REM SUBROUTINE TO ANALYSE DATA AND PLOT REGRESSION

3993 REM

4000 GOSUB 10000:REM DATA FOR LINEAR REGRESSION

4010 GOSUB 4400: REM BORDERS AND LINE

4030 GOSUB 11000:GOSUB 11900:REM POINT PLOT AND PAUSE

4035 GOSUB 11800:IF K\$= "C"THEN GOSUB 4730:GOTO 4030:REM COLORS

4040 PLOT 3, 0, 31, 6, 4, 11, 3, 15, 31

4050 INPUT "NEW DATA, REGRESSION, SAVE OR MENU: "; I\$

4060 IF I\$= "D"THEN 5

4070 IF I\$= "R"THEN 4010

4075 IF I\$= "S"THEN GOSUB 11500:GOTO 4040

4085 IF I\$= "M"THEN RETURN

4090 GOTO 4040

4400 PLOT 6, 47, 14, 12, 3, 17, 7; REM SELECT REGRESSION

4410 PRINT "SELECT REGRESSION":PRINT:PRINT

4420 DATA "LINEAR: Y = AX + B", ""

4430 DATA "EXPONENTIAL:  $10^{\circ}Y = AX + B'', "10^{\circ}"$ 

4440 DATA "LOGARITHMIC: LOG10(Y) = AX + B", "LOG(10)"

4450 DATA "RECIPROCAL:  $1/Y = 8X + B^{*}, "1/"$ 

4470 TITLES= 4

4480 RESTORE 4420:FOR I= 1TO TITLES:READ TITLE\$, PREFIX\$

4490 PLOT 10,9,9:PRINT I, TITLE\$:NEXT I

4500 PRINT :PRINT ,,,:INPUT "SELECT REGRESSION: ")J

4510 IF JC 10R JD TITLESTHEN PLOT 28,11,28:GOTO 4500

4520 RESTORE 4420:FOR I= 1TO J:READ TITLE\$,PREFIX\$:NEXT I

4525 ON JGOTO 4530, 4540, 4550, 4560

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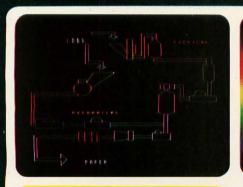


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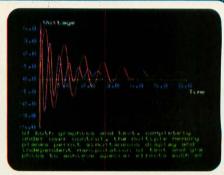
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# Simultaneous Graphic/Text Display

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# **Broad Spectrum** of Color Selection

The number of color maps and the colors in each map is completely under software control. With a 6-plane memory (640 x 480 x 6), up to 64 colors can be displayed on the screen simultaneously. With a 3-plane memory (320 x 240 x 3), up to 8 simultaneous colors can be displayed from any one of eight color maps. The output of the color map produces eight levels each for red. blue and green. The result is the selection of 512 possible levels of intensity, saturation and hue. Switching from map to map is under software

# Zoning

The 8600 monitor screen can be divided into a maximum of four variable size zones. In a typical application, the upper three zones can display graphics while the lower zone displays text. The text can be scrolled or slow scrolled while the graphics are changing to coincide with the text changes

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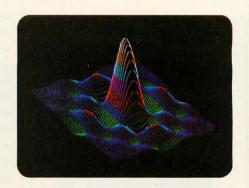
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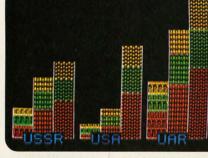


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# DYNAMIC FEATURES

The 8600 also offers several dynamic features that are impossible to illustrate and must be seen to fully appreciate.

# Flexible Character Generation

Unlike the rigid cell sizes of many graphic display systems, the 8600 character generation is under software control. Characters can be programmed to any size or shape including the creation and display of foreign languages such as Arabic, Hebrew, Russian, etc., mathematical symbols, primitives, specially configured letters, characters or symbols and a host of others.

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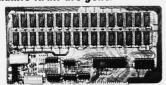
# Smooth or Line Scrolling

The speed of the vertical, bi-directional scrolling is under operator control. It can be slowed down for text editing or speeded up for search. And, unlike most terminals that jump a line at a time, the 8600 moves in increments of one scan line. The result is a smooth moving text that is easy to read.

## External Video Synch

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4530 DEF FN F(I)= I:GOTO 4600:REM LINEAR

4540 DEF FN F(I)= 10^ I:GOTO 4600:REM EXPONENTIAL

4550 DEF FN F(I)= LOG (I)/ 2.30259:GOTO 4600:REM LOG BASE 10

4560 DEF FN F(I)= 1/ I:GOTO 4600:REM RECIPROCAL

4600 XYSUM= 0:REM PREPARE REGRESSION

4610 FOR ITEM= 1TO NUMBER:ARRAY(ITEM,1)= FN F(ARRAY(ITEM,2))

4628 XYSUM= XYSUM+ ARRAY(ITEM,0)\* ARRAY(ITEM,1):NEXT\_ITEM

4625 LABEL\$(1)= PREFIX\$+ LABEL\$(2):PLOT 6,COLOUR(1),12

4630 FOR AXIS= 0TO 1:GOSUB 11400:NEXT AXIS

4640 I= NUMBER\* XYSUM- SUM(0)\* SUM(1)

4645 SLOPE= I/ (NUMBER\* SQUARESUM(0)~ SUM(0)^ 2)

4650 INCEPT= (SUM(1)- SLOPE\* SUM(0))/ NUMBER

4660 COEFFICIENT= SLOPE\* DEVIAT(0)/ DEVIAT(1)

4662 PLOT 3, 20, 17: PRINT "SLOPE: "; SLOPE

"; INCEPT 4664 PLOT 3,20,19:PRINT "INTERCEPT:

4666 PLOT 3, 20, 21: PRINT "CORR. COEFF: "; COEFFICIENT

4668 GOSUB 11900

4670 GOSUB 10200:REM BIG & LITTLE

4680 ARRAY(NUMBER+ 1,0)= LITTLE(0)

4690 ARRAY(NUMBER+ 1,1)= INCEPT+ SLOPE\* ARRAY(NUMBER+ 1,0)

4700 ARRAY(NUMBER+ 2,0)= BIG(0)

4710 ARRAY(NUMBER+ 2,1)= INCEPT+ SLOPE\* ARRAY(NUMBER+ 2,0)

4720 NUMBER= NUMBER+ 2:GOSUB 10200:NUMBER= NUMBER- 2:REM LIMITS

4730 GOSUB 9020:PLOT 6, COLOUR(4):REM PREPARE GRAPH

4740 FOR ITEM= NUMBER+ 1TO NUMBER+ 2:FOR AXIS= 0TO 1:REM LINE

4750 PLACE= ARRAY(ITEM, AXIS):GOSUB 10700:NEXT AXIS

4760 ON 2+ (ITEM= NUMBER+ 1)GOSUB 11010,11020:NEXT ITEM:RETURN

11392 REM

11393 REM

SUBROUTINE TO ANALYZE ARRAY(NUMBER, AXIS) 11394 REM

11395 REM

11396 REM CALCULATES MEAN(AXIS)

11397 REM AND PRINTS: DEVIAT(AXIS)

11398 REM ERR(AXIS)

11399 REM

11400 SUM(AXIS)= 0:SQUARESUM(AXIS)= 0:REM STATISTICS

11405 FOR ITEM= 1TO NUMBER

11407 SUM(AXIS)= SUM(AXIS)+ ARRAY(ITEM,AXIS)

11410 SQUARESUM(AXIS)= SQUARESUM(AXIS)+ ARRAY(ITEM, AXIS)^ 2

11415 NEXT ITEM

11420 MEAN(AXIS)= SUM(AXIS)/ NUMBER

11430 I= SQUARESUM(AXIS)- SUM(AXIS)^ 2/ NUMBER

11440 DEVIAT(AXIS)= SQR (I/ (NUMBER- 1))

11450 ERR(AXIS)= DEVIAT(AXIS)/ SQR (NUMBER)

11460 I= 20+ 20\* AXIS:PLOT 3, I+ 3,5:PRINT LABEL\$(AXIS)

11465 PLOT 3,0,9:PRINT "MEAN:":PLOT 3,1,9:PRINT MEAN(AXIS)

11470 PLOT 3, 0, 11: PRINT "STAN. DEV: "

11475 PLOT 3, 1, 11: PRINT DEVIAT(AXIS)

11480 PLOT 3,0,13:PRINT "STAN. ERROR:"

11485 PLOT 3, I, 13: PRINT ERR(AXIS): RETURN

11495 REM

11496 REM 11497 REM

ABBREVIATED SUBROUTINE

11498 REM TO SAVE IMAGES

11499 REM

11500 PLOT 6, COLOUR(2), 3, 0, 31, 11:REM SAVE ON DISK

11540 PLOT 27,4:PRINT "SAVE SCREEN DIS 6000-6FFF":PLOT 27,27

11550 RETURN

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5 REM KY 5 REM GRAPHS. (C) A. W. GROGONO. MONTHLY ANALYSIS FOR UP TO 7 YEARS 40 RESTORE :CLEAR 200:DIM I\$(12) 50 DATA 1, 2, 1, 2, 4, 6, 3, 5, 7; FOR I = 1TO 9; READ COLOUR(I); NEXT I 90 PLOT 29, 27, 24, 15, 14, 2, 255, 6, 1, 12, 3, 16, 3; REM CLEAR PAGE 98 REM

99 REM 252 PRINT "MONTHLY COMPARISON":PRINT

254 PRINT :PRINT ., "THIS PROGRAM ALLOWS YOU TO" 255 PRINT :PRINT ., "ENTER PROFITS OR INCOME ETC"

256 PRINT : PRINT ,, "MONTHLY FOR UP TO 7 YEARS."

257 PLOT 10, 10, 10, 9, 9: PRINT "YOU CAN START AND FINISH"

258 PRINT :PRINT ,, "PART WAY THROUGH THE FIRST" 259 PRINT :PRINT ... "AND LAST YEARS RESPECTIVELY"

260 PRINT : PRINT ,, "BY ENTERING THE NUMBERS OF" 261 PRINT : PRINT ,, "OF THESE MONTHS. "

CREATE GRAPH": REM 264 PRINT :PRINT :PRINT :: "1."

266 PRINT : PRINT .. "2. ERASE/REVIEW OLD GRAPHS"

267 PRINT : PRINT ... "3. RETURN TO MAIN MENU": PRINT ::PRINT ;;;

268 INPUT "ENTER 1 - 3: "; I:IF I= 2THEN GOSUB 7000:GOTO 5

270 IF I= 3THEN LOAD "MENU":RUN

272 PLOT 12, 3, 16, 5: INPUT "ENTER # OF YEARS: "; N

274 FOR Y= 1TO N:PLOT 6, Y, 10, 9, 9:PRINT "ENTER YEAR NUMBER"; Y;

275 INPUT ": "; Y\$(Y): NEXT Y: PLOT 10, 9, 6, 1: PRINT "FOR 'YEAR ";

276 PRINT Y\$(1); :INPUT ", ENTER # OF FIRST MONTH, 1-12: ";FIRST

277 PLOT 10, 9, 6, N: PRINT "FOR YEAR "; Y\$(N);

278 INPUT ", ENTER # OF LAST MONTH, 1-12: "; LAST

279 GOSUB 10000:FOR Y= 1TO N:GOSUB 10030:NEXT Y

280 LITTLE(0)= 0:BIG(0)= 12

281 LITTLE(1)= ARRAY(FIRST, 2):BIG(1)= ARRAY(FIRST, 2)

282 FOR Y= 1TO N:FOR ITEM= 1TO 12

283 ARRAY(ITEM,1)= ARRAY(ITEM, Y+ 1):REM COPY NEXT YEAR

284 NEXT ITEM: AXIS= 1:GOSUB 10215: NEXT Y: REM FIND BIG, LITTLE

285 GOSUB 600: REM SELECT ZERO END FOR Y-AXIS

286 GOSUB 10500: REM FRAME

287 FOR Y= 1TO N:F= 1:IF Y= 1THEN F= FIRST

288 L= 12: IF Y= NTHEN L= LAST

300 FOR ITEM= FTO L:ARRAY(ITEM, 1)= ARRAY(ITEM, Y+ 1)

302 NEXT ITEM

320 GOSUB 11100:REM LINE

322 PLOT 3,59,20+ N- Y\* 3:PRINT Y\$(Y):REM YEAR IN GRAPH-COLOR

324 NEXT Y:GOSUB 11500:REM SAVE

325 GOSUB 11800:IF K\$= "C"THEN GOTO 286:REM COLORS

330 PLOT 3,15,31:INPUT "ENTER A TO ALTER Y-AXIS ZERO: "; I\$

340 IF I = "A"THEN 280: REM NEW ZERO

350 GOTO 5

600 PLOT 6, 6, 14, 12, 3, 16, 5; PRINT LABEL\$(1); PLOT 15, 6, 1, 10, 10

602 PRINT , "SELECT LENGTH OF SCALE": PRINT

610 PRINT : PRINT ,, "1. WITH ORIGIN STARTING AT ZERO"

620 PRINT :PRINT ... "2. MAXIMUM ENLARGEMENT"

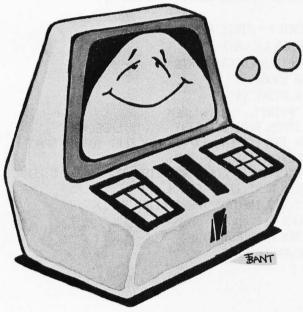
630 PRINT :PRINT ,,,:INPUT "SELECT 1 OR 2: ";I

640 IF I= 1THEN LITTLE(1)= 0

650 GOSUB 10300:RETURN :REM SCALE VALUES

Listing 2 continued on page 110

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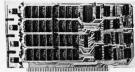
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Listing 2 continued: 9990 REM 9991 REM 9992 REM ALTERATIONS TO SUBROUTINES: 9993 REM 9994 REM 10000 DATA ENTRY 9995 REM 10200 FIND BIG AND LITTLE 9996 REM 10500 DRAW BORDERS ETC. PLOT POINTS AND LINES 9997 REM 11000 9998 REM 11800 COLOR SELECTION 9999 REM 10000 PLOT 6, 1, 12, 14, 3, 18, 13; REM DATA ENTRY 10010 PRINT "DATA ENTRY" 10015 PLOT 10,9,9:INPUT "GRAPH TITLE: ";TITLE\$ 10020 NUMBER= 12 10021 DIM ARRAY(NUMBER, N+ 1) 10022 LA\$(0)= "JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JLY AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC" 10025 IF CHOICE= 1THEN LABEL\$(1)= "NUMBER":GOTO 10030 10026 PLOT 10,9,9:INPUT "Y-AXIS UNITS: "; LABEL\$(1) 10028 RETURN 10030 F= 1:IF Y= 1THEN F= FIRST:REM ENTER DATA 10032 L= 12:IF Y= NTHEN L= LAST 10035 FOR ITEM= FTO L:REM ENTER POINTS 10040 IF ITEM> FTHEN 10060 10045 PLOT 12, 3, 17, 0: PRINT Y\$(Y) 10050 PRINT :PRINT "POINT", "MONTH":REM 10055 IF CHOICE( > 1THEN PLOT 28:PRINT ,,,, ""; LABEL\$(1) 10060 IF ITEM- 1= 6\* INT ((ITEM- 1)/ 6)THEN PLOT 10:REM SPACE 10065 I\$= MID\$ (LABEL\$(0), ITEM\* 4- 3,3) 10070 PRINT :PRINT ""; ITEM, , ""; I\$:ARRAY(ITEM, 0)= ITEM- .5:REM 10075 IF CHOICE= 1THEN NEXT ITEM:RETURN 10080 PLOT 28, 18, 9, 9, 9, 9: INPUT ""; ARRAY(ITEM, Y+ 1) 10085 NEXT ITEM: RETURN 10215 F= 1: IF Y= 1THEN F= FIRST 10216 L= 12:IF Y= NTHEN L= LAST 10217 FOR ITEM= FTO L 10498 REM 10499 REM 10557 IF AXIS= OTHEN NEXT AXIS

10662 PLOT 3, MAXSCREEN(0)/ 2- LEN (LABEL\$(0))

10664 PLOT 33- MINSCREEN(1)/ 4:PRINT LABEL\$(0)

10998 REM

10999 REM

11150 PLOT 6, COLOUR(2+ Y):FOR ITEM= FTO L:FOR AXIS= 0TO 1

11170 ON 2+ (FLAG= 10R ITEM= F)GOSUB 11010,11020

11798 REM

11799 REM

11845 DATA "GRAPH3", "GRAPH4", "GRAPH5", "GRAPH6", "GRAPH7"

11850 FOR J= 1TO N+ 2:READ I\$:PLOT 3,16,9+ 2\* J:PRINT "FOR "; I\$;

Text continued from page 98:

independent (X) variable is the month of the year, while the dependent (Y) variable is the income in dollars for 1 month; four variables (the income in each of 4 years) are plotted on this

When you run the monthly analysis graph program (by adding listing 2 to the subroutine lines of listing 1 in last month's article), you are asked for the numbers of the years to be graphed, followed by the beginning month for the first year and the ending month of the last year to be graphed. (This program is written to account for the possibility that you may not have all the data for the



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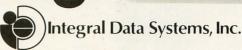
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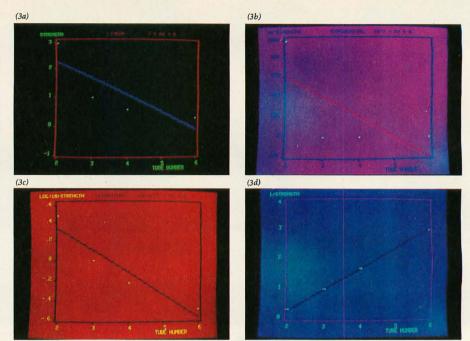
beginning and ending years.) After the title, Y-axis label, and monthly data values have been entered, the program calculates and displays the data on the color video display screen. The Y-axis can start at zero (as in photo 4a), or it can start at some nonzero value to allow maximum use of the Y-axis (as in photo 4b). As before, the colors used in the graph may also be changed.

### Summary

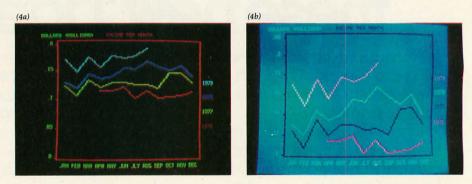
The programs were written with readability as the main objective. You may wish to decrease the memory needed to store these subroutines by omitting REMark statements and putting multiple statements on a line. Care should be exercised, however, when compressing statement lines because some subroutines are written to be entered at more than one point.

The Compucolor PLOT statement was more fully explained in last month's article.

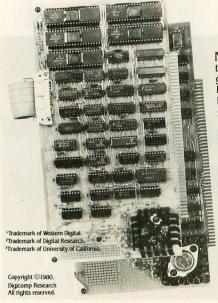
The four kinds of graphs described in this article demonstrate how the graphics subroutines can be combined (with or without modification) to form complex programs that produce specialized graphs. These subroutines can be used to substantially reduce the time required to create a given graph. In addition, the use of photographed color images (as opposed to color slides of conventionally produced graphs) can significantly decrease both the time and cost necessary to add color graphs to a slide presentation.



**Photo 3:** Examples of regression charts. The program in listing 1 allows the entered data to be graphed using different colors and different types of regression—linear (photo 3a), exponential (photo 3b), logarithmic (photo 3c), or reciprocal (photo 3d).



**Photo 4:** Examples of monthly analysis graphs. These graphs superimpose a variable plotted over a 12-month span for up to seven 12-month graphs. The Y-axis can start either at zero (photo 4a) or at some predefined value (photo 4b).



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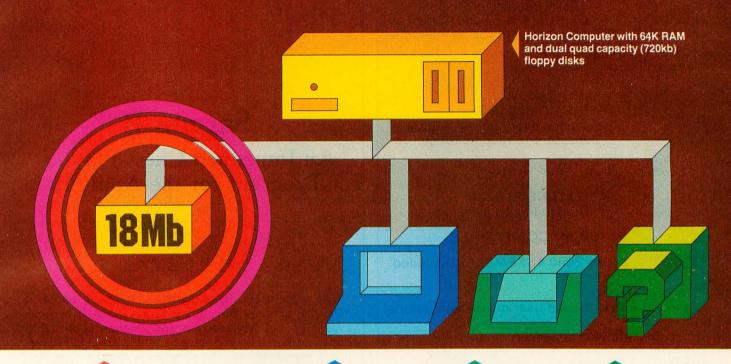
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The advertising literature for Sargon II quotes a magazine article: "Buy this program when it becomes available. . . ." My reaction: the program is available; buy it. Sargon II is everything Sargon I should have been. It is a mature effort. The program is clean, strong, and debugged. Nearly every deficiency of Sargon has been corrected:

- Sargon II has book openings.
- Sargon II recognizes stalemates.
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- Setting up a board position is easier.
- The program shows the move it is thinking of making.
- It will suggest a move for you.
- The graphics are new and very handsome.
- There is the much-asked-for asterisk prompt to indicate that the program is thinking.
- Every check is logged on the screen.
- Move entry is easier, but still not as easy as in Microchess 2.0.
- The playing strength is vastly improved.

Sargon II plays well. I play at an unofficial 1700+ United States Chess Federation (USCF) rating and have never lost a serious chess game to any microcomputer program (Boris 1978, Microchess 2.0, Sargon I), but I lost the first two trial games against Sargon II — mostly from being taken by surprise at its unwillingness to be bullied. Carelessness? Impatience?

After this appalling result, I promptly invited two friends over. They have official USCF ratings of 1650 and 1714, and the former player is extremely familiar with the openings.

We set Sargon II at level 3, the highest level that makes moves in tournament time. By our combined efforts, we cleaned Sargon II off the board - mostly by our

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familiarity with the standard opening moves.

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Convinced now that Sargon II could be beaten, I rolled up my sleeves, got very mean, and again set the program for level 3. After 90 minutes of trekking through a bloody, grim Ruy Lopez opening, fending off a Queenside attack, and using my mobility on the Kingside, I broke through. On move 40, Sargon made a mistake (failure to look far enough ahead), and I blew its position wide open. But for that one mistake, the game would have been a draw.

During the dozen or so games I have played against Sargon II, I have lost only one more game and have made the following observations. Sargon II has much needed and clearly visible improvements over Sargon I. It castles at the most propitious time and actually seeks an opponent's weaknesses and tries to gain tactical advantages.

The pawn play is much improved. Sargon II senses the worth of passed pawns and actively tries to promote them. Sargon I had little use for pawns.

After our three-game "tournament" mentioned above, we set up an endgame position out of curiosity. We took White with King at c1 and pawns at c2, b2, and h2. We gave Sargon II a King at g8 and pawns at g7, h7, a7, and b7. This should be a won game for Black with careful



| White<br>(Sargon II) | Black<br>(Three humans, rated 1700 -<br>1714, and 1650) |  |  |  |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1. e2-e4             | e7-e5                                                   |  |  |  |
| 2. Ng1-f3            | Nb8-c6                                                  |  |  |  |
| 3. Bf1-b5            | Ng8-f6                                                  |  |  |  |
| 4. Nb1-c3            | Nc6-d4                                                  |  |  |  |

This looks like a good developing move, but Sargon II needed to play a little more sharply here. 5.Nf3xe5 leads to a much better game for White.

| 5. |        | c7-c6 |
|----|--------|-------|
| 6. | Bb5-a4 | d7-d6 |
| 7. | 0-0    |       |

d2-d3

It looks safe enough for Sargon II. He has castled and mobilized his pieces by move 7. Sargon I never managed that.

7. . . . . Bc8-g4 8. Bc1-e3

A critically weak move. The Black Knight is going to capture anyway. Why not Bc1-g5?

| 8. |        | Nd4xf3 |
|----|--------|--------|
| 9. | g2xf3  | Bq4-h3 |
| 10 | Rf1-01 |        |

An unfortunate move to have to make. If White could have seen what was in store, he might have abandoned the Rook and moved the King to h1.

10. . . . . Nf6-h5

This clears the way for the Queen. An important move in the attack.

### 11. Qd1-d2

A clever and amusing trap by White. If we had played 11 . . . . Qd8-h4 to pour it on, then 12.Be3-g5, and we lose our Queen. We very nearly fell for it. So far, Sargon II has played like an intelligent, but inexperienced, player. This is the first 'trap'' I have seen set by a microcomputer chess program.

11. . . . . Qd8-f6

But at the last second, we don't fall for the trap and attack the weak pawn at f3 instead.

12. Nc3-d5?

A desperation move; White ignores the weak pawn at f3, but probably saw 12.Qd2-e2, Qf6-g6 check, and is ready to try anything.

12. . . . . Qf6xf3

It's all over now for White.

13. Nd5-c7 check Ke8-d7 14. Ba4xc6 check Kb7xc6

The horizon effect, trying to avoid fate: any human would have done the same.

15. Nc7xa8 Qf3-g2 checkmate

**Table 1:** Score of a game played between Sargon II (with the White pieces) and three humans (with the Black pieces), one of whom is an openings expert. While Sargon lost the game, it went down fighting. This contest shows the style and limitations of the program, which played at level 3. The notation is algebraic.

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play. At times, Sargon II pushed its look-ahead procedure to level 8. (This cannot be set from the keyboard.)

Sargon pushed its pawns carefully, but blundered by trying to fight on both fronts for too long. The program finally made a critical mistake and allowed us a draw. We wound up with just the two Kings on the board. Curiously at that point, instead of calling a draw Sargon's King started advancing toward our King, perhaps thinking that with a hidden dagger up its sleeve, it could finish us off. Such violence would be a patent violation of chess law.

Sargon II is the first chess program I have seen which has doubled its Rooks on a file with malice obviously intended. It is also the first program I've played that has actually set a trap. Perhaps this is a glimmer of artificial intelligence!

The program will suggest a move for you if you type control-K. You would be wise to ignore this advice if you are an experienced player. Why? These programs play well tactically but with poor strategy. Any suggested move will be devoid of the strategic thought which you, as a human, ought to be applying.

Sargon II may be the strongest chess program you can buy, dedicated chess-playing devices included. I am impressed beyond all expectation. If I were to estimate its Elo rating, I would say it is possibly 1500 at level 3.

However, as with any software product, there are some minor complaints. If you bought Sargon I for \$20, you may flinch at buying Sargon II for \$30 (\$35 on floppy disk). Such a price seems hard to justify, and you would expect that for a \$30 program, the packaging would be a little better. For example, the shell of the cassette I received was the glued-together type, instead of the higher-quality shell with screws.

Also, the instruction book is not what you would expect of a \$30 program. The book was not carefully produced and assumes too much prior knowledge on the part of the user. There is an error on page 4 where it says to type a control-R followed by a Return. If you hit the Return, you'll find yourself helplessly transferred into the monitor, and since the program is locked and protected, you'll have to reload it.

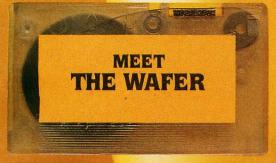
Another possibility for grief lies in the use of a printer to record the game. If Sargon II changes its decision about a move, it will overwrite the previous move. This works fine for a video display, but on a printer there would be a blob after two or more move changes.

About the only other request you might make of Sargon II is to have the listing of the entire game in memory instead of letting lines scroll off the top of the screen. Often a user gets too busy playing to record the game by hand. Not everyone can afford a printer; but this is a minor affair.

In summary, Sargon II is about all we computer chess players could wish for in 1980. No doubt, stronger programs will be written (Sargon III is still in an experimental stage), but this one will keep your attention unless you are a wizard in the openings. Dan and Kathe Spracklen are to be commended for a superb implementation on the 6502 microprocessor: in fact, I give them an A+ rating for the implementation. The Spracklens and the Hayden Book Company also get a A+ for correcting the problems in Sargon I, but unfortunately, Hayden gets a C on the packaging. ■

[Next month the author reviews Sargon 2.5...ed]

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# Micrograph Part 2: Video-Display Processor

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Part 1 of this article (BYTE, November 1980, page 64) presented some background on interactive computer-graphics systems, with an emphasis on the characteristics of display processors (the portion of the graphic system that produces the actual image). The instruction set for a color raster-scan graphics-display processor was also presented. Part 2 will feature the hardware for a lowcost display processor, called Micrograph, which implements this instruction set. You can find the essential characteristics of Micrograph listed in table 1. The processor's hardware, including a circuit description, construction hints,

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**Table 1:** Summary of the characteristics of the Micrograph color-display system.

and enhancement ideas, will be the topic of the latter portion of this part of the series.

Block Diagram

As figure 1 indicates, Micrograph is relatively simple in terms of hardware: there is nothing tricky about its design. Micrograph is built around a Zilog Z80 microprocessor, which shares a bus with a video-display generator. The bus control arbitrates between the microprocessor and the display generator so that only one

device is allowed to access the bus at a time.

Also connected to the system bus are several I/O (input/output) ports, which are used to communicate with a host computer. The I/O interface includes ports for transmission of data and instructions from the host computer and ports for the transmission of data and status to the host computer. Micrograph thus appears to the host computer as an intelligent peripheral. With this architecture, the display processor does not tie up the

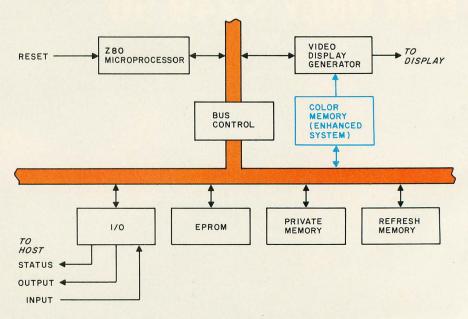


Figure 1: Block diagram of Micrograph hardware. The Z80 microprocessor provides an active element for implementing the instruction set described in Part 1 of this article. By using a video-display generator device developed by Motorola, the hardware is simplified. The processor and display generator share a common bus that is separate from the host system's bus, so that Micrograph is a truly intelligent peripheral.

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Table 2: Summary of the modes available to the Micrograph user. The Motorola MC6847 Video-Display Generator integrated circuit supports other resolutions, which are not available in the systems presented here. The 6847 control signals include: two lines to select between alphanumerics, semigraphics, and graphics; three lines to select the graphics-mode resolution; a color-set select line; and an inverse-video select line.

host computer's time but rather handles its own display refreshing.

EPROM (erasable programmable read-only memory) is required to store the approximately 2.6 K bytes of software that implements the Micrograph instruction set. (A discussion of this software will be presented next month in Part 3.) Finally, 2 K bytes of programmable memory are used to store software variables and data for a programmable character generator, and 6 K to 8 K bytes of programmable memory are used for the display buffer.

Note that there is a reference to "System II": this is an improvement to the basic Micrograph system that will be discussed later in this article.

### Video-Display Generator

The secret to Micrograph's simplicity is Motorola's MC6847 video-display generator. This fortypin integrated circuit performs all the necessary video timing and refresh functions needed to produce a truly inexpensive color-graphics display. The 6847 was actually designed for the 6800 family of microprocessors, but its control, address, and data structures are generalized enough to allow its use with almost any microprocessor. I chose the Z80 because it was convenient in terms of the software development tools I had available.

The 6847 has several modes of operation, including alphanumeric, semi-alphanumeric, and full graphics modes. The device offers several different graphics-display resolutions, including sixteen lines of thirty-two alphanumeric characters and 64 by 64 pixel, 128 by 64 pixel, 128 by 96 pixel, 128 by 192 pixel, and 256 by 192 pixel graphics. The circuit also produces up to eight different colors that can be displayed at one time. Of course, with memory size held constant as the resolution increases, the number of colors that can be displayed at one time decreases. For example, the 128 by 192 pixel resolution has four colors, and the 256 by 192 pixel resolution has two colors. (Table 2 summarizes the modes available to the Micrograph user.)

Ready for use with the 6847 is a companion device, the MC1372 color television video modulator. This circuit interfaces directly to the MC6847 to provide either an RF (radiofrequency) or composite-video television signal. This allows Micrograph to be connected directly to an unmodified color television. Both of these devices are obtainable from most Motorola distributors; and in single quantities, the MC6847 costs around \$35 and the MC1372 costs around \$5.

For those readers who would rather avoid the expense of building a complete version of Micrograph, the MC6847 will still offer a very inexpensive way to produce a colorgraphics display. In the event that you wish to connect the video-display generator to an existing microcomputer, the following discussions are still applicable. However, the advantage of dedicating a microprocessor to control the video display is that the host computer doesn't have to wait while the video generator accesses display-refresh memory. Furthermore, the Micrograph instruction set allows the host processor to deal with manipulating images, rather than worrying about the overhead of scanline conversion and otherwise maintaining the display.

### Circuit Description

Figure 2 provides the complete schematics for Micrograph. As we noted in the block diagram, the Z80

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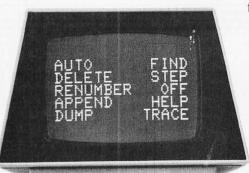
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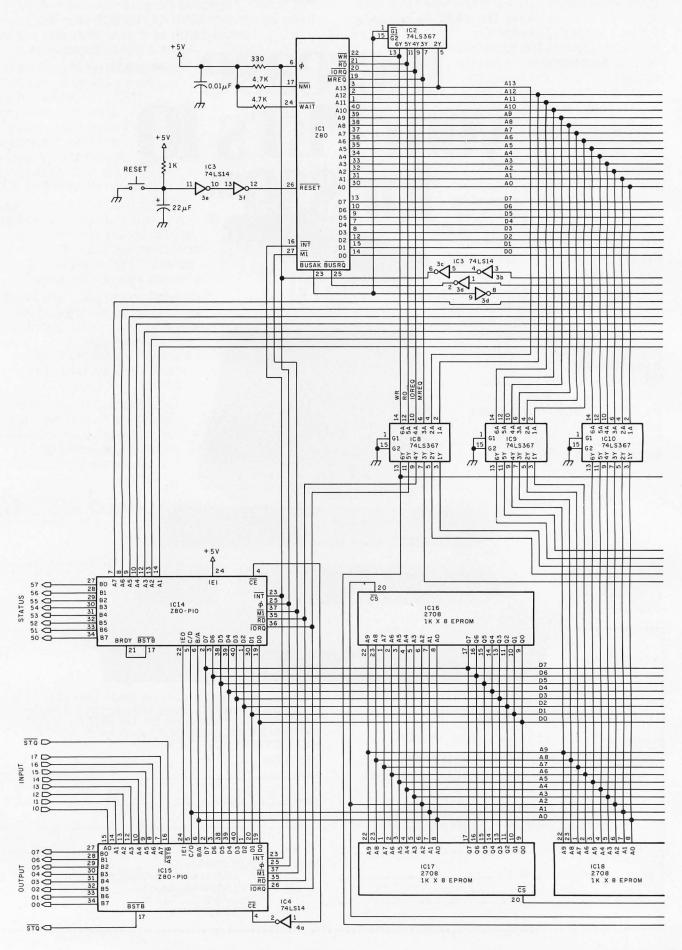
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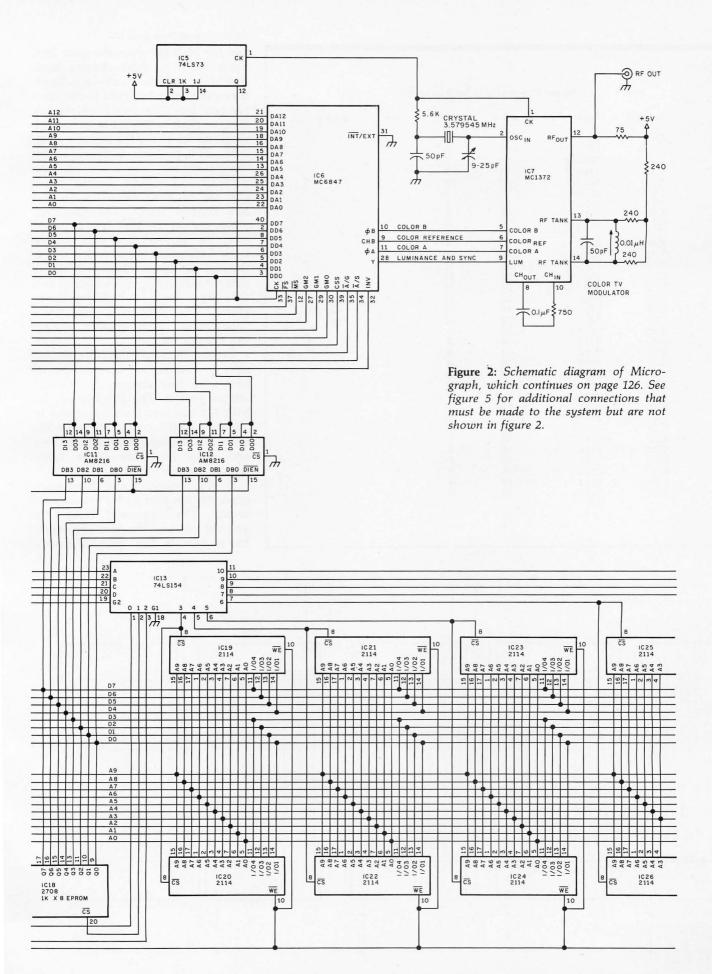
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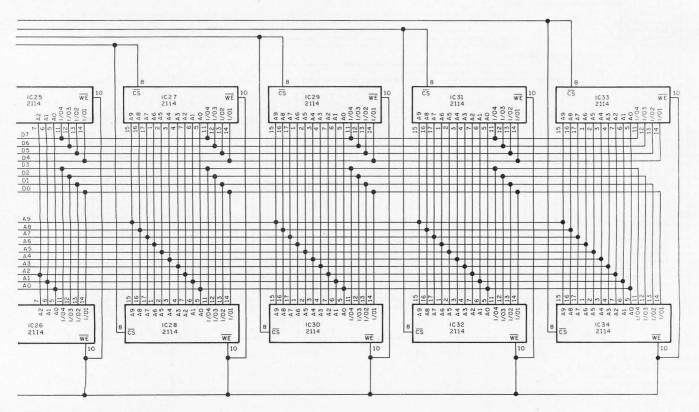
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and the MC6847 share the same bus. Since both of these devices have three-state address and data lines. they can simply be wired to the same physical bus. The only problem that must be dealt with is the selection of a single device to use the bus at a given time. This problem is simplified by the bus-control lines of the Z80 (the BUSRQ and BUSAK control lines) and the MC6847 (with the FS and MS control lines). On the Z80, whenever the BUSRQ line is pulled low, the BUSAK line will go low later, indicating that a request to use the bus has been acknowledged. At that time, the processor's address and data lines enter a high-impedance mode, the processor essentially "disappears," and another system can control the bus.

On the MC6847, there are similar lines to control bus access. The FS line goes low during the vertical retrace period. The MS line on the MC6847 can then be brought low to allow the Z80 access to the bus while the video-display generator's address and data lines are in a high-impedance condition.

In this design, the video-display generator has priority for memory accesses. This approach limits the amount of time the microprocessor has to execute, but since we have a

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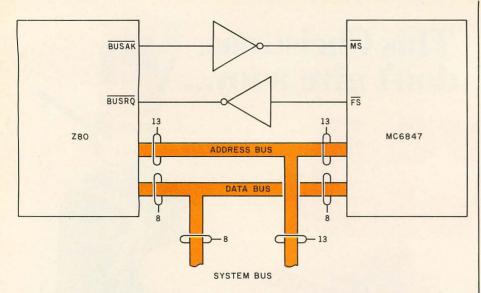


Figure 3: Bus control. Since both the processor and the display generator must access memory, this simple arbitration scheme was devised to eliminate contention. The display generator is given priority. This approach limits the amount of time available to the processor for executing display "primitive" instructions, but it does help to maintain a stable display without the "tearing" effect that occurs when the display generator cannot read from memory when it needs to.

dedicated processor, this is not really a problem. This approach also provides a stable display that will not "tear" since the video-display generator has the bus the entire time it needs it. As we see in figure 3, the bus control can be handled by two inverters, which are part of the 74LS14 Schmitt-trigger inverters in figure 2.

### The Microprocessor

The discrete components shown near the Z80 in figure 2 are required for clock-line pull-up, as specified by Zilog. The nonmaskable interrupt (NMI) and wait (WAIT) lines are pulled high, since Micrograph operation requires neither wait states nor nonmaskable interrupts.

### The Shared Bus

The Z80 and MC6847 address and data lines are simply tied together. The leftmost 74LS367 bus driver circuit is used to provide additional address (A13) and control (WR, RD, IOREO, and MREO) lines, which are active only when the MC6847 has control of the bus. These lines are needed since the MC6847 does not supply these signals. In this case, the address line (A13) is tied high to force addressing of the refresh memory in the 8 K to 16 K range of the Z80 microprocessor's address space.

The next integrated circuit, a 74LS14, is used to provide a manual and power-up reset circuit and also to drive the clock line to the microprocessor. The 74LS73 JK flipflop is used to derive the Z80 clock signal from the video-displaygenerator clock output.

### The Modulator and Display Generator

Note that the connections to the MC6847 are simple: the address lines (A0 thru A12) and data lines (D0 thru D7) go to the shared bus. At the bottom of the schematic, there are seven control lines that determine the display mode. These lines are controlled by one of the four I/O ports.

The MC6847 and MC1372 connect directly together. In this configuration, the MC1372 is wired to provide an RF output, so that Micrograph may be tied to the antenna leads of a television through a matching transformer. (See figure 4 for the wiring option to provide direct video output.)

Also tied to the modulator is the clock circuitry, which provides a 3.579545 MHz signal, which is the standard color-burst frequency. This clock is routed to both the videodisplay generator and the modulator.

The variable capacitor in the timing circuit is used to fine-tune the displayed colors. On the right side of figure 2 is the RF tank circuit, which can be tuned to station 3 or 4.

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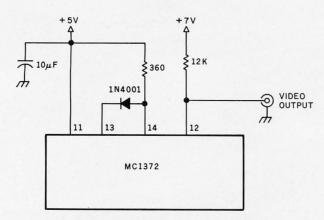
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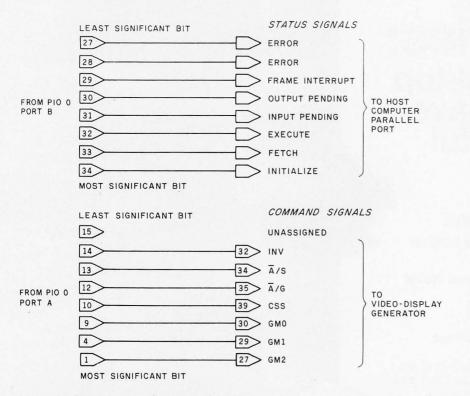
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**Figure 4:** Optional wiring for direct video output. The Motorola MC1372 can be used to provide direct (composite) video to a video monitor, if it is available. As shown in figure 2, the MC1372 may also be used to provide an RF (radio-frequency) output for use with television set tuned to channel 3 or channel 4.



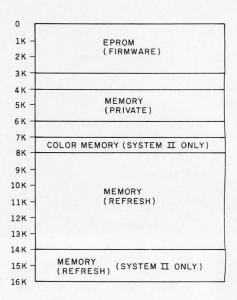
**Figure 5:** Status-port and command-port pin assignments and control-byte formats. One PIO (peripheral input/output) port is used to communicate status information to the host processor and also to control the video-display generator. These connections must be added to figure 2.

### **Bus Control**

The address and control lines are routed to 74LS367 bus drivers, where they are then passed to the memory and I/O circuitry. The top four address lines are also routed to a 74LS154 four-to-sixteen-line decoder to provide memory chip-select decoding. Finally, the two 8216 bus drivers buffer the data lines. Their direction is controlled by the DBIN signal from the shared bus.

### I/O Circuitry

Only two PIO (peripheral-input/output) circuits are needed. PIO 0 provides a status indication to the host through one port. (See figure 5 for the format of the status byte). The other PIO 0 port is routed to the video-display generator to select the proper display format. (Figure 5 also provides the format of this control byte.) The second PIO circuit is used to communicate with the host com-



**Figure 6:** Memory map for the Micrograph board.

puter.

One of the ports is used to receive data and instructions from the host (the input port), and the other port is used to transmit data back to the host (the output port). In either case, the strobe lines for both of these ports are controlled by the host to indicate that Micrograph is being sent an instruction or that the host has just received a data byte. The protocol for communicating with the host computer will be further discussed in Part 3 of this article. Refer to tables 3 and 4 on page 132 for the port assignments in the microprocessor address space.

### Firmware and Frame Buffer

Three 2708 EPROMs (erasable programmable read-only memories) are used to hold the 2.6 K bytes of the object code required to control Micrograph. Four type-2114 1024 by 4-bit static-memory devices provide the 2 K bytes needed by the firmware for variables and data for the programmable character generator. Refer to figure 6 for a memory map and to tables 3 and 4 for memory and port assignments.

In the frame buffer, 6 K bytes of memory are required, and 2114s are used to keep the device count low. Figure 6 provides the map for the frame-buffer memory also.

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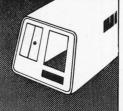
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### Construction

Photos 1a and 1b show my prototype Micrograph. I used a universal wirewrap board, and as the photo indicates, a spacious layout was possible as a result of the low device count. In the leftmost section of photo 1a are the Z80 and the two PIO devices. In the next section are part of the bus drivers and the EPROMs. In the middle section are the rest of the bus drivers and some of the 2114 memory circuits. In the next and final sections are the rest of the memory integrated circuits and the video-display circuitry. Note the few discrete components required: most are decou-

| Type of memory                                                                                  | Address (decimal)                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EPROM<br>private memory<br>color memory 0<br>color memory 1<br>color memory 2<br>refresh memory | 0 to 3071<br>4096 to 6143<br>7168 to 7183<br>7184 to 7199<br>7200 to 7216<br>8192 to 14335<br>(for System I)<br>8192 to 16383<br>(for System II) |

Table 3: Type and location of memory used in the Micrograph board.

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| port 0                 | PIO 0,<br>port A | display<br>control                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | output                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| port 3                 | PIO 0,<br>port B | port<br>control                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | output                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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Table 4: Port numbers and their usage by Micrograph.

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pling capacitors. This physical layout follows the schematic layout almost

In photo 1b (page 136) is a view of the wirewrap side. It took me two weekends to wrap the board, using a Slit N' Wrap tool marketed by Vector and also an electric wirewrap tool. I used Slit N' Wrap techniques for the bus and, as best as I could, tried to color-code the whole device.

Any construction technology can be used to build this board, but there are a few hints I might pass along. To begin, insure that the video-modulator circuitry is well isolated from the rest of the system: keep the wiring as short as possible in this section. Furthermore, because of the relatively high frequencies used, be sure to minimize stray capacitance: a shielded board will help reduce interference.

Micrograph is best built in stages. I suggest you start with the videodisplay generator and modulator circuit. Wire this area first, then temporarily wire some memory on the 6847's bus. You can go ahead and supply power to this circuit to verify that your display is working properly. The various modes can then be tested. At this time, you can connect the modulator to your television (use coaxial cable, and don't forget a matching transformer). When you apply power, a random pattern that reflects the mode you have selected should appear. The variable capacitor in the timing circuit can then be adjusted to produce the most pleasing colors.

Once the video display is working properly, you should install the rest of the refresh memory and bus drivers. Again, repeat the checkout of the display, this time using all the refresh memory. Note that the 256 by 192 or 128 by 192 resolution modes will utilize all the memory. You might even connect an oscilloscope to the address lines to check that the lines are cycling through the entire 6 K bytes of memory.

Once this portion is working, the EPROMs, Z80, and PIOs can be wired in. From this point, there is little testing to do without the necessary software, which will be discussed in Part 3.

Troubleshooting a system without good tools is almost impossible. I found that I needed no more than a good oscilloscope to check out the system, even though I had a Hewlett-Packard 1611 Microprocessor Analyzer available. The Micrograph system has an excellent test device built in: the color display. Since the video-display generator scans all of the refresh memory, you have a visual means of checking a large portion of your wiring. To track down a bad memory circuit, you might selectively remove integrated circuits and watch how the display is affected.

One final word concerning the construction. The system draws +5 V at about 1.5 A, so don't make your power bus small. The other supplies, since they are mainly for the EPROMs, require only a few hundred milliamperes. When powering up the system, if your supplies are independent, be certain the -5 V supply powers up first and powers down last, if it can't be done simultaneously with the rest of the power. (I didn't do it that way and, consequently, destroyed six EPROMs; then I read an obscure warning in an Intel data book.)

### **Enhancements: System II**

There are a number enhancements to the system that will increase the system performance, although I have not implemented them. The first obvious improvement is to use a Z80A (capable of using a 4 MHz clock) and run the system on the color-burst clock. This will immediately double the speed of the display processor. Of course, be sure that your memory is fast enough to handle the extra speed.

You might also try to use dynamic memory. I used static memory to reduce the development risk and make the design and testing of the board easier, but if the timing works out, the use of dynamic memory would significantly reduce the cost of the system.

These are some basic improvements that can be made, and I'll offer some more radical changes, which I call System II. When I first designed Micrograph, I created a system consisting of over 100 DIPs for the video section alone. This design supported two formats: 128 by 128 with sixteen colors and 256 by 256 with two colors. The system also supported a color-look-up table, to allow a set of 212 (or 4096) possible

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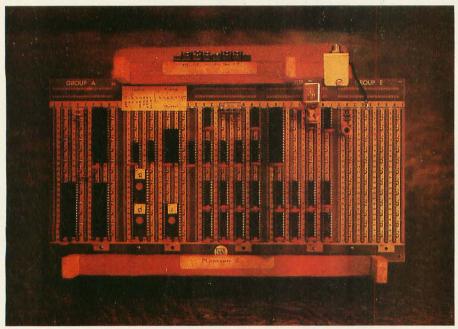
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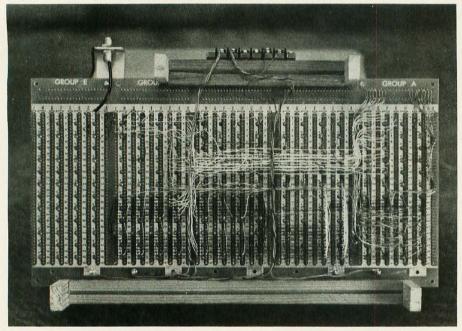
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**Photo 1:** Two views of the completed Micrograph prototype. The use of a universal wirewrap circuit board (photo 1a) allows a spacious layout that almost exactly follows the schematic diagram of figure 2. Photo 1b shows the wiring that required approximately two weekends of the author's time. A daisy-chaining wirewrap tool was used for the majority of the bus wiring, while control signals were made in the standard wirewrap fashion; power is provided to the integrated circuits via buses printed and etched on the board.

colors. However, I came across the MC6847 and decided to use this lower-risk approach to complete the system, since my main concern was the software design and instruction set.

I designed the software so only one section of code must be altered to

support the new display resolutions. The code already exists to support the color-look-up tables, but the MC6847 obviously does not have the capability to support such a setup. Thus, you only need to modify the video-display electronics and one section of code to produce System II. The re-

mainder of the hardware and software remains the same, as does the interface between the host and Micrograph. Thus, in a sense, there is hardware independence built into the system.

For that matter, you can produce just about any display resolution up to 256 by 256 with 256 colors without major modifications to the circuitry other than the video-display generator. Of course, at these higher resolutions, you need much more memory. So, for the dedicated reader, I offer this as a possible system enhancement; it's something I'm going to try next. As you can see, the design of Micrograph using the MC6847 supplies an excellent color display at a very low price.

I offer a final radical change, but I haven't implemented it. In this design, we assume that the video display has the bus whenever it needs it. This scheme produces a clear, tearfree display. However, if the microprocessor is given priority for memory accesses, quality of display is traded for speed. In fact, in my approach, the Z80 is only allowed control of the bus around 20% of the available time. Of course, this is not a problem with a dedicated micropro-

If raw speed is necessary, however, let the microprocessor have dominant bus control, and give the bus to the video-display generator only when the software permits it (such as after the display has been updated). This approach has the advantage of having a much faster processing speed. However, it has the drawback of causing a streak across the screen whenever the microprocessor is updating the display. Furthermore, you will need to modify the software and hardware to accommodate this approach. By the way, a similar approach is used by Motorola's TVBUG, a 6802/6847-based board that allows the user's system to treat the refresh memory as an intelligent peripheral.

### Conclusion

This article concludes the presentation of the hardware required to support Micrograph. I have examined the circuit design, discussed construction details, and looked at various system enhancements. Photos 2a and 2b provide some examples of displays possible with Micrograph.



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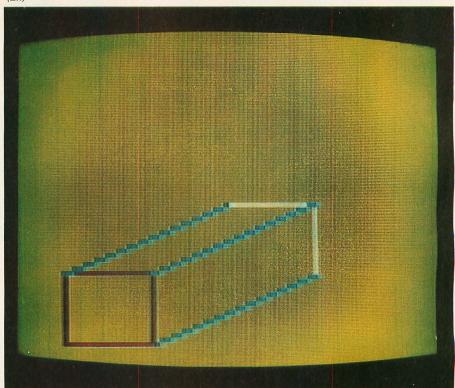
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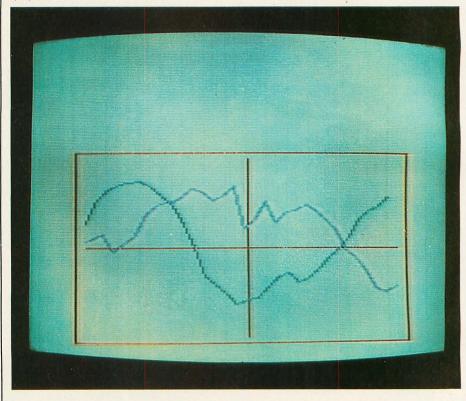


Photo 2: Examples of Micrograph displays.

Listing 1 contains the second third of the Micrograph software (begun in Part 1 and to be completed in Part 3). In the final part of this article, I will discuss the software needed by Micrograph to implement the instruc-

tion set presented in Part 1, cover the major algorithms implemented in the system (such as the scan-line-conversion algorithm), and examine how to operate Micrograph.

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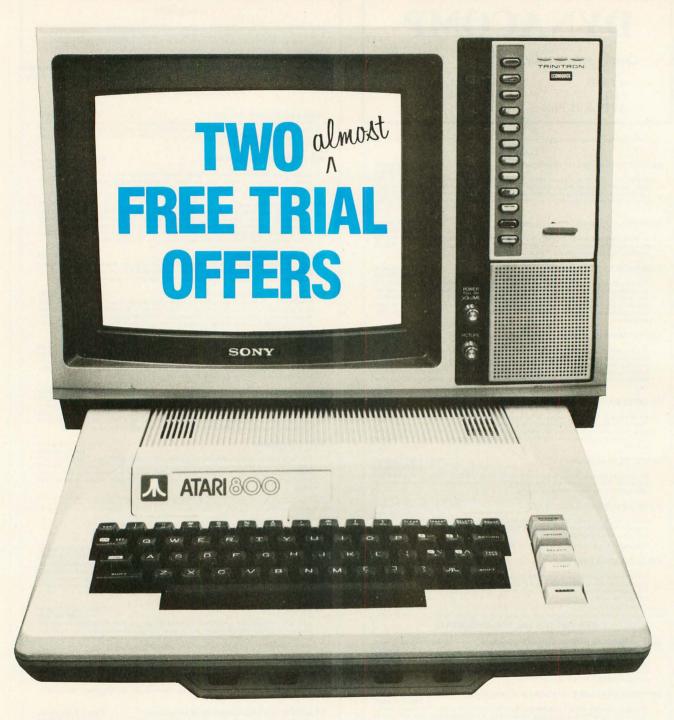


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### Color Television

To produce color television displays we need a picture tube with a phosphor screen that can be made to glow in different colors. This is done by a method similar to the half-tone method of color printing; a full-color picture is made by superimposing three single-color images made up of very small dots. At the normal viewing distance the dots are too small for the human eye to resolve, so that the colors appear to merge into a single image. The inside of a color television screen is covered with an array of small dots of three different phosphors that glow in red, green, a blue when struck by electrons. By carefully controlling the brightness of each colored dot we can produce any color we desire. (See text box, "The Primary Colors".)

The major problem is independent color control. We need three separate electron beams (ie: one for each color) arranged so one beam strikes only the red phosphor dots, one beam strikes the green dots, and one beam strikes the blue dots. It is not practical

to aim the beams this precisely; instead, a shadow mask is used. The shadow mask is a perforated metal plate placed just behind the phosphor screen in the picture tube. The three electron beams can strike the phosphor dots only after passing through holes in the mask. The electron guns that produce the beams are positioned so each beam strikes only dots of the correct color; thus each gun casts an electron "shadow" on phosphors of the other colors. Brightness of each of the primary colors is controlled by the intensity of the corresponding electron beam.

### Color by Direct Drive

A straightforward approach to color computer displays uses three identical video-refresh circuits, each with its own refresh memory, in order to generate separate signals for the three electron guns. This approach is relatively expensive; it takes three times as much refresh memory as an equivalent black-and-white display. If this method were used with the 200 by 300 dot display example discussed in Part 1 of this article, 3 × 7500 = 22,500 bytes of refresh memory would be required.

We can have a more economical system using direct drive of the three colors, but using only one refresh memory. (Some switching circuitry is necessary to display two colors instead of black and white.) With a special-character graphics system, we can use a few of our extra character codes to select the colors. The color displayed in place of white is called the foreground color and the one displayed instead of black is called the background. By inserting color-select characters wherever they are needed, it is possible to make different parts of the display show different colors. If each of the electron guns is either on or off, the colors available with this system will be the eight possible combinations of the three primary colors:

- 1. no color, or black
- 2. red
- 3. green
- 4. blue
- 5. red + green = yellow
- 6. green + blue = cyan
- 7. blue + red = magenta
- 8. all three = white

The main drawback to the use of direct drive (often referred to as *R-G-B*) is the cost of the color monitor. Professional monitors with separate red, green, and blue video inputs are not mass-produced, so they are quite expensive. Compucolor, the only personal computer manufacturer using direct-drive color, builds a low-cost

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The Primary Colors

In grammar school, most of us were taught that there are three primary colors (red, yellow, and blue) and that any other color can be produced by mixing these three. You may be wondering how color television manages to use red, green, and blue as its primary colors. First of all, the primary colors we learned in school are appropriate only for pigments such as paints and crayons; light sources such as the glowing phosphor dots in a color picture tube don't work the same way.

The creation of a color by mixing pigments relies on the subtraction (or partial absorption) of colors from the light falling on the pigment. If you mix pigments without adding white, the image gets darker. However, creating a color by mixing light works by addition, so if you combine several colors of light, the result is lighter.

Complementary colors are essentially opposites: if you mix complementary-colored pigments the resulting color is black, but if you mix complementary-colored beams of light, the resulting color is white. This "symmetry" means that primary colors for light will be the complements of primary colors for pigments.

This still sounds paradoxical: how can red, green, and blue be the complements of red, yellow, and blue? This apparent problem is caused by the vagueness of our color names. The colors in the two sets of primaries are actually all different, but one color in each set is reddish and one is bluish. You can see examples of the pigment primaries by examining a printed reproduction of a color photograph in which the printing plates are out of register. Here you can perceive the colors of the inks and that the "red" ink is actually redviolet, or magenta, and that the "blue" ink is blue-green, or cyan.

To see the primary colors used in television, try viewing a color test pattern by tuning to a television station before it is broadcasting programs. If you adjust your television set's color controls so the primaries are as pure as possible, you will find the green slightly yellowish, the red a bit orangy, and the blue almost indigo. If we arbitrarily use our vague color names for specific colors and call the television primaries red, green, and blue, we must call the pigment primaries magenta, yellow, and cyan to avoid confusion. The two sets of primary colors make up complementary pairs, like this:

| Pigments |  |  |  |
|----------|--|--|--|
| cyan     |  |  |  |
| magenta  |  |  |  |
| yellow   |  |  |  |
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color monitor into the computer in order to keep the total system cost reasonably low.

# Color by Subcarrier

Another method of avoiding a high-priced color monitor is to use an ordinary color television set to display computer video. Even with the addition of extra circuitry needed to pick up broadcasts, home television sets cost less than professional monitors. However, there are drawbacks to the use of a television set.

A color television set is designed to accept a VHF (very-high-frequency) radio signal or carrier that is modulated by a composite-video signal. This signal consists of horizontal and vertical synchronizing pulses, blackand-white picture information (called luminance), and a 3.58 MHz subcarrier that contains the color information (called chrominance). The subcarrier is modulated by the color information in such a way that the amplitude of the 3.58 HMz signal determines the intensity of the color at each point in the picture; the phase of the signal determines the actual color displayed. (Refer to the text box, "Outline of NTSC Color Standards.")

Remember that the video signal developed from memory produces

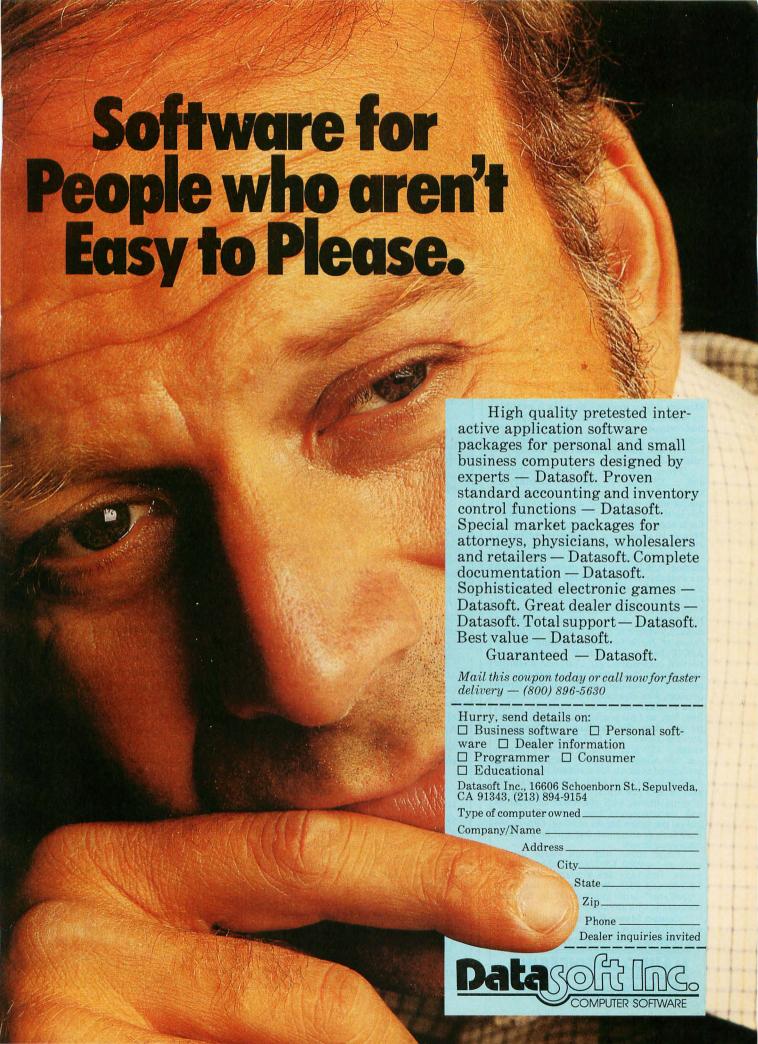
output pulses at the appropriate times during the raster-scanning process. This creates dots of light on the display screen. It is convenient to design computer video circuits so each dot corresponds to a half cycle of the 3.58 MHz color subcarrier. If several dots are adjacent, the output will be a continuous high-level signal; this will appear on the screen as a white line as wide as the number of dots. If we alternate dots and spaces, the signal will consist of alternating high and low levels, each a half cycle wide, creating a square wave at the 3.58 MHz subcarrier frequency. The television set decodes the amplitude of the 3.58 MHz component of the composite video as the intensity of the color to be displayed, so what was sent out as a string of dots and spaces will be displayed as a brightly colored solid line.

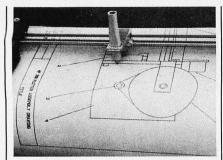
The color that is displayed depends on the *phase* of the color subcarrier. The timing of the dots generated by the video-refresh circuits determines their phase. For example, with dots corresponding to half cycles, interchanging dots and spaces is equivalent to a phase reversal, or a 180° phase shift, which will produce the complement of the first color. To produce more colors, we must make smaller changes in the timing of the

dots. The half-cycle dots are produced by computer circuits running at twice the color subcarrier frequency, or 7.16 MHz. If we make our circuits run twice as fast (14.3 MHz), we can put dots on quarter-cycle intervals and have 90° phase differences. With the half-cycle dots this would give us four colors in addition to black and white.

Bit mapping is not the only way to produce NTSC (National Television System Committee) color signals. Our computer can have circuits that work like character generators, to decode different values of refresh data into appropriate dot patterns, for even more colors. The circuits can produce dots a quarter-cycle long, separated by spaces three-quarters of a cycle long and vice versa, which are still at the frequency of 3.58 MHz. The quarter-cycle dots can be at any of four phases, as can the threequarter cycle dots, giving us eight more colors for a total of twelve, plus black and white. The quarter-dot colors will have a low average voltage level and, hence, lower brightness when compared to the longer threequarter cycle dots. In other words, four of the twelve colors produced by this technique will be dark, four will be medium bright, and the re-

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# Outline of the NTSC Color Standards

In 1953 the NTSC (National Television System Committee) announced a method of color television broadcasting that was adopted as the US standard. The NTSC system superimposes color picture information onto the older black-and-white signal in such a way that the resulting composite signal is compatible with the old standards. This means that color broadcasts may be viewed on black-and-white sets (and vice versa), and this made it possible to continue using black-and-white equipment.

A color television camera is essentially a combination of three monochrome (ie: black-and-white) cameras, each viewing the same scene through a different colored filter. The most straightforward way to transmit color television into the home would be to send these three signals over the air, but that would require the equivalent of three television channels and would not be economically feasible

Studies of human vision have shown that fine details in color are not resolved as well as they are in black-and-white. This is fortunate since it allows transmission of color picture information with a much narrower bandwidth than three separate channels would require. In order to take advantage of this effect, the NTSC technique converts the three signals from a color camera into one full-resolution black-and-white signal called the luminance signal, and two color-difference signals called chrominance signals (which are filtered to limit their bandwidth, thereby decreasing their resolution).

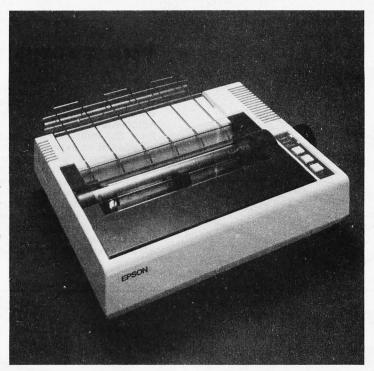
The total bandwidth required for the luminance signal plus the two chrominance signals is about 40% greater than the bandwidth of a black-and-white signal, still too broad to keep within the 4.5 MHz bandwidth that was originally allocated for the video signal. The NTSC system puts the chrominance signals into the band that is already occupied by the luminance signal. This trick is accomplished by putting the chrominance signals onto a subcarrier, which is then added to the luminance signal. The

subcarrier is so called because, while it modulates the radio-frequency carrier along with the normal video signal, it is also a carrier

The subcarrier frequency must be higher than that of the information it is to carry, although there is a maximum frequency that will still fit within the 4.5 MHz bandwidth. Another reason for putting the subcarrier at a relatively high frequency is that the luminance signal has less energy at higher frequencies, so there is less interference between the luminance and the subcarrier. There are still more complex aspects of the NTSC technique required to minimize this interference and to preserve certain other characteristics of the original black-and-white television signal, but their importance in computer applications is not great enough to warrant a full description here. The net result is that the horizontal line frequency is changed slightly in the NTSC system, to 15,734.26 Hz, and the color subcarrier is put at 3.579545 MHz. This is usually referred to as the 3.58 MHz color subcarrier.

The two chrominance signals modulate the 3.58 MHz subcarrier together in such a way that the resulting signal has an intensity or amplitude proportional to the amount of color at each point in the picture and a phase that determines the particular color. There must be a standard phase for the receiving set to refer to in decoding the color information, so a short burst of unmodulated 3.58 MHz subcarrier is transmitted during part of each horizontal retrace interval. This so-called color burst is used by the receiver to generate a reference subcarrier phase.

It turns out that most television sets don't do a very good job of separating the chrominance and luminance signals that are combined so cleverly in the NTSC system. Compromises made in the interests of lower cost cause most sets to lose the fine detail in the picture and pick it up as chrominance instead. This means that fine vertical black-and-white stripes will sometimes produce spurious colors on the screen. You can see this effect by watching for colored streaks across those striped shirts worn by news announcers.



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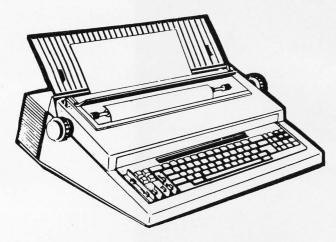
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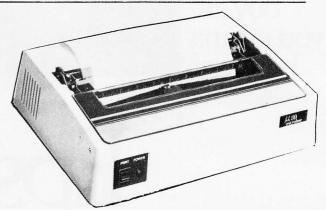


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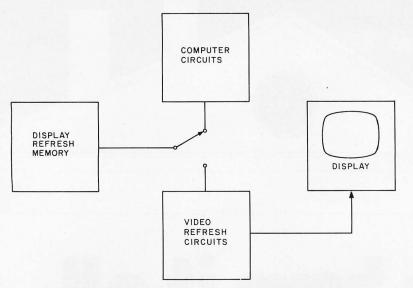


Figure 2: The cause of video-display dropouts. Several popular microprocessor systems use a display scheme that switches the refresh memory out of the video-refresh circuitry whenever some refresh memory location is changed. This is interpreted by the display as a blank line on the screen for a short interval.

Text continued from page 144: maining four will be pastels. (See photo 2 on page 152.)

This method of color production has some drawbacks. For one thing, it produces spurious black or white margins wherever certain color areas

touch. This is due to the behavior of the dot patterns. If the dot pattern for green is binary 0101 and the pattern for magenta is 1010, you can see that there will be either two dots together or two spaces together whenever a green area is next to a magenta one.

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Another problem arises when trying to superimpose text and color. Since the characters are made of lines only one dot wide, some parts of the characters will match the dot patterns of the colors and they will disappear if displayed on a colored background. One way to avoid this is to make characters of elements at least two dots wide. This prevents their merging into colored backgrounds, but at a price: you cannot fit as many of these wider characters into the display.

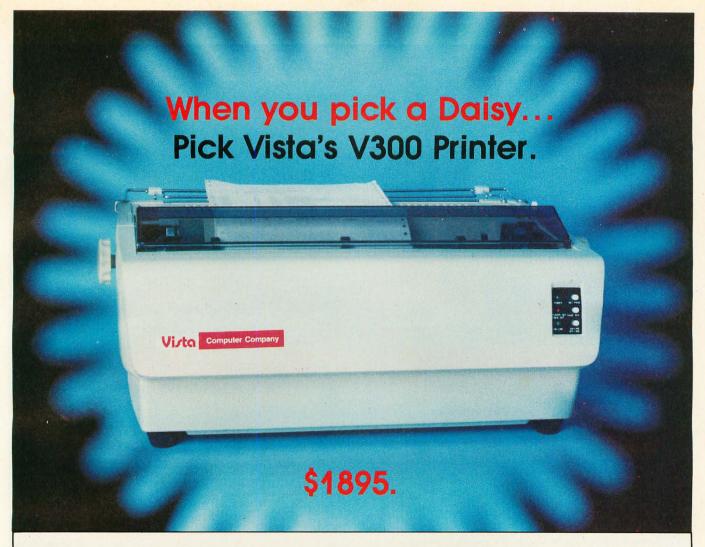
# Undocumented Features and Quirks

Several of the personal computers listed in Part 1 of this article have subtle quirks that are not apparent at first glance and are never mentioned in the manufacturers' specifications or sales literature. While they could easily escape your notice during a demonstration at the computer store, they could become very irritating once you become aware of them. If you are planning to use one of these computers for graphics, you should be aware of these quirks before you decide which computer to buy. Although you may discover other problems, these are the major design flaws in the personal computers listed:

- asymmetrical plotting
- video-refresh dropouts
- limited color resolution
- adjacent color interactions

#### Asymmetrical Plotting

Asymmetrical plotting makes a plot with the same number of dots horizontally and vertically come out not as a square but as a rectangle. Some personal computers are quite bad in this respect while others produce almost perfectly symmetrical plots. You can figure whether or not a display is symmetrical by finding the ratio of its horizontal resolution to its vertical resolution, and comparing the result with the aspect ratio of the display portion of the screen. The aspect ratio is the display width compared with the display height: a standard television screen is a third wider than it is high, so its aspect ratio is 4:3. If a computer's display is symmetric, the number of dots it takes to fill the screen in each direction will be proportional to the size of the screen in that direction. You will probably



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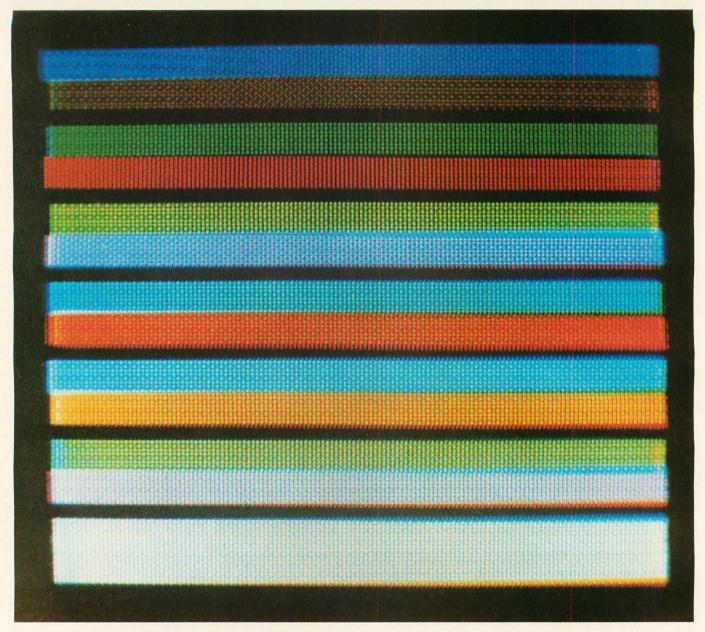


Photo 2: Bars of complementary colors. Twelve colors (plus white) can be produced by the color-subcarrier method, where each cycle of the 3.58 MHz color frequency is broken into quarters. By varying the phase and by putting out signals with a duty cycle of 75%, 50%, or 25%, a computer display can select the color.

be able to program the computer to compensate for an asymmetric display, but the results may look so ragged that you prefer to live with the asymmetry.

Video-Refresh Dropouts

Video-refresh dropouts look something like the interference produced by static from electric motors and automobile ignitions (ie: short, horizontal black lines that appear very briefly and in random locations on the screen.) They are not external interference in this case, but are self-inflicted. Whenever a Radio Shack TRS-80 or an Exidy Sorcerer accesses the video-refresh memory (either to

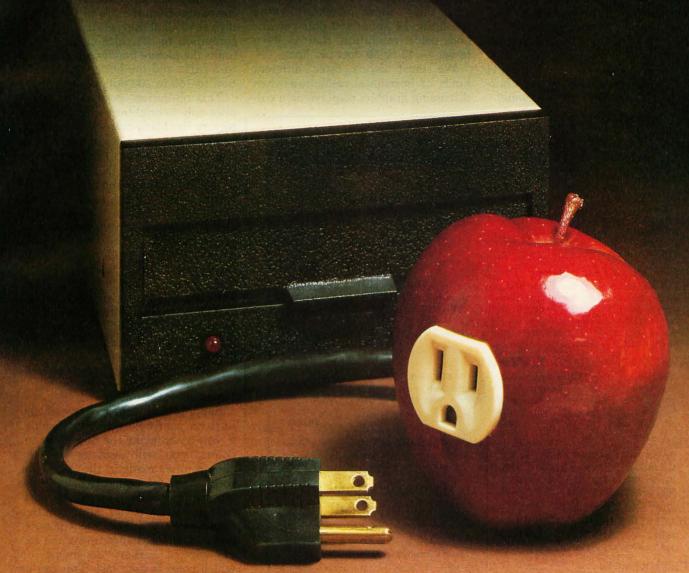
read it or to change it), the computer interrupts the video refresh. (See figure 2.) The severity of the resulting display-data dropouts depends partly on the nature of the data being displayed. If only text is being displayed, with a black background, most of the dropouts will occur in areas of the screen that are already black and pass unnoticed. (The small-keyboard Commodore PET has dropouts too, but they are white and only appear when the display is PEEKed or POKEd.)

Dropouts happen only while the data in the computer's video-refresh memory is being read or changed; if the display is being changed often, as during animation, the occurrence of dropouts will increase. So if you are planning to use your computer for animated graphics, look for models that do not have this problem.

In order to avoid having video dropouts, some personal computers have refresh memory that runs twice as fast as necessary for refreshing the display. This makes it fast enough to respond to a memory-access request by the computer between two successive transfers to the display. The computer and the display share the refresh memory by taking alternate memory cycles. Neither interferes with the other in any way.

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μ-SCI MICRO-SCI computers do not use this method of preventing dropouts is cost. The components for this refresh memory must be capable of operating at twice the normal speed—this makes the memory more expensive. Or looking at it another way, without the need for fast refreshing, the higher-speed memory would enable us to use a faster microprocessor and obtain better performance. Another factor affecting the design of the refresh memory is the type of microprocessor being used; some types have internal clocking schemes that are not compatible with this refreshing scheme.

## Limited Color Resolution

If you choose a computer that generates NTSC video in order to use an ordinary color television set for your display, you may be disappointed by the poor horizontal resolution. Even though the computer produces a signal with up to 280 dots per horizontal line, the television set will only show black-and-white resolution of about 160 dots per line and color resolution that is even lower — 40 or 50 dots per line.

We must define three different kinds of horizontal resolution when discussing graphics displays on a color television receiver. To start with, you can distinguish the 280 dot positions even on a color set. (We might call this figure the accuracy of the display, since it determines the smallest difference that the computer can display.) The resolution problem arises due to the way most color television sets separate the color information from the rest of the video: they send all of the high-frequency information to the color circuits. This limits the picture bandwidth to only 2 to 3 MHz and the horizontal resolution to 160 to 200 dots per line.

This resolution, poor as it is, applies only to brightness changes in the picture (ie: black-and-white information). If you display different colors next to each other, the colors will smear across the width of four or five dots. This is due to the narrow bandwidth of the color circuits. A bandwidth of about half a megahertz allows only about fifty color changes across the width of the screen. In spite of this, you can produce quite good displays on a color television set by using a lot of black and white along with colors. Most of the picture consists of brightness differences and has horizontal resolution of about 160 dots per line. Displaying black between different colored areas keeps the color smears from being visible.

## Color Interactions

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Suppose you want to draw several lines on your color-graphics display. If you try to make the lines different colors, you will discover that the compromises made in the designs of some personal computers limit the number of colors that can be adjacent. If you try to put more than two colors close together, the computer will sometimes change one of the colors plotted earlier, depending on which color is used last. This can be rather disconcerting the first time it happens to you and worse when you find that it is a characteristic of your computer. You may be able to minimize the effect it has on your displays by understanding the mechanism behind it in order to "program around it."

This problem arises in the Compucolor II and in the Texas Instruments TI-99/4 because of their background-foreground schemes for specifying colors. Programs on these machines can use any one of the available colors for the dots being displayed (ie: the foreground) and any other color for the background. Each character cell can have its own

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The Apple II has a similar problem due to the tricky way it selects colors in high-resolution mode. Highresolution graphics on the early Apple II have only two colors, plus black and white. It uses bit mapping of 7 bits out of each displayed byte. Later models have been modified to use the eighth bit in each byte to select two more colors by shifting the phase of the dots made by the other 7 bits. This means that the color-select bit in each byte determines which two colors are available for seven adjacent points. If a line happens to fall in the same seven-dot-wide region as one already plotted, with the colorselect bit the other way, the colorselect bit will get changed to match the new line. (See table 2.)

## Which Method Is Best?

By now it shouldn't be surprising that I don't single out one personal computer as the best. It should also be obvious that my criticism of particular features of certain manufacturers' computers does not automatically disqualify them or imply that their competitors' machines are superior. Careful examination of newer computers is likely to reveal other peculiar features.

My explanations of these undocumented quirks are intended to show how published specifications fail to provide complete descriptions of these machines. The different approaches to graphics displays may result in similar specifications, but the displays may perform quite differently in a particular application. You should try to understand these differences so you can evaluate them in terms of your own needs and make your own judgments.

The most important graphics feature of a personal computer is simply having graphics. Of course, you can produce video displays that are adequate for some applications on a system that does not have any graphics features. For example, photo 3 shows a plot of a histogram produced by means of standard characters. Most of the ubiquitous Star Trek games also use this ap-

| Model            | Apple II | Compucolor II | TI-99/4 |
|------------------|----------|---------------|---------|
| region height    | 1        | 4             | 8       |
| region width     | 7        | 2             | 8       |
| colors in region | 4        | 2             | 2       |
| colors available | 6        | 8             | 16      |

Table 2: The color interaction characteristics of three popular microprocessor systems. The four colors in a seven-dot region on the Apple II are black, white, and one of the pairs: green and magenta or orange and blue. Any character-cell region in the Compucolor and Texas Instruments computers can have any two of the available colors, with black and white counted as colors.

proach, which might be called pseudographics. Still, such displays are limited both in information content and in visual appeal.

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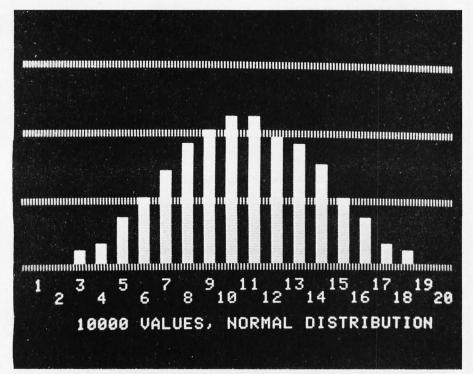
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displayed using pseudographics and low-resolution block graphics.

The next important feature of a graphics display is color. If you doubt the validity of that statement, ask yourself why, when television made the transition from black and white

to color, all the commercials were done in color long before all the programs were. Statistically speaking, you could say that a color display can convey three times as much information as a black-and-white display with comparable resolution. This

**Photo 3:** Pseudographics are created by using characters that are meant for viewing as standard text.



**Photo 4:** The same histogram shown in photo 3 is repeated here using subcell-block graphics on a 40 by 40 grid.

generalization fails to describe the impact that color provides. If your objective in having graphics on your computer is to enhance the effectiveness of your displays, then you are almost certain to find that color capability is worth the cost.

Next we come to the question of resolution, and here things get a little complicated. An inexpensive way to get high resolution is by means of special characters, but this method is not well suited for producing graphs of curves or other mathematical functions. You can directly compare the specifications of the other types of graphics systems, subcell and mapping, because these enable you to plot a curve as a series of points in ordinary rectangular coordinates. The higher the resolution, the smoother and more accurate these plots will be.

However, special-character graphics systems do not allow you to plot arbitrary curves in high resolution. Only predetermined shapes can be displayed, except on the Texas Instruments and Exidy machines with their programmable graphics characters. While it should be possible to write a program to dissect a curve into 8 by 8 graphics cells on these computers, it would be extremely tedious. This means that the resolution of a special-character system is not directly comparable with that of the other types. How important that is to you depends on your need to plot curves with your computer. It also demonstrates another way that specifications can be misleading if you look only at the numbers.

I hope that the information I have provided has not given you the idea that the graphics displays on all the current personal computers are unusable. I think it is very exciting that we can get so much graphics capability on such inexpensive machines. My objective in presenting this description has been to help you see the reasons behind their differences. If you can understand them, you will be able to figure out which type is most appropriate for making the kind of graphics displays you are interested in.

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# On the Road to Adventure

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Adventure! The very word brings forth visions of high intrigue and danger. The armchair adventures of the personal computer user can be every bit as exciting as the real thing, without the personal risk.

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This article by no means claims to cover all there is to know about Adventure. [The capitalized word Adventure will be used to refer to this class of games as a whole . . . .GW] What I will do is introduce the reader to the styles and procedures that have popularized Adventure to almost cult status and present the currently popular authors along with their works. Additionally, there will be tips on how to play Adventure without tearing your hair out and going totally crazy.

# What Is Adventure?

Adventure is a semi-intelligent, word-recognizing computer program that employs a narrative style to present an unsolved puzzle. (For an example of an Adventure dialog, see listing 1.) The format of the game can be almost any organized grouping of locations that are bound together by a single theme. The clues to the puzzle are tied to the theme so that the game flows logically and smoothly. Solving the puzzle in whole or part leads to

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the treasure or to valuable clues to the ultimate winning of the game. Some Adventures are goal oriented, while others rely on the accumulation of valuable objects.

The commands in Adventure affect four factors: where you are, what you see, where you can go, and what you can do.

Magic words are popular with some Adventure authors.

Your puppet, the narrator inside the program who resides in the world of your Adventure, can freely use the data provided by the computer to deliver your options to you. When you respond, the puppet executes your command and lives (or dies) through the consequences.

By paying careful attention to the information given you through the faculties of your puppet, you can move him freely through his environment. One mistake can cost you the game (and the puppet his life).

How to Play Adventure

Your puppet will do whatever you command if it is within his power. He is totally dependent on you for his sequence of action. He understands quite a vocabulary of two-word English sentences, but you must be careful because he takes your commands literally. Thus, a command to a puppet standing at the edge of a cliff to JUMP will cause the puppet to hurl himself into space, resulting in (depending on the author) consequences ranging from death to soft landing. A command of SHOOT HORSE in a western Adventure could leave you afoot.

GO, GET, LIFT, CARRY, PUSH,

KICK, SHOOT, ATTACK, KILL, FEED, LEAD, and DRINK are only a few of the many (usually more than one hundred) direct-action commands available to the player of Adventure. One Adventure by Scott Adams has a fully functional bathroom with a presumably anatomically correct puppet responding to the direct-action command USE!

EXAMINE always gets results, even when the response is a seemingly nonhelpful, I SEE NOTHING SPE-CIAL. This is still a clue in that it eliminates the object just examined from further consideration. Sometimes EXAMINE reveals something that you have overlooked. In a recent outer-space scenario, I carried a phaser pistol for almost an hour before remembering to examine it. When I did, I discovered that it had two settings, stun and destroy. I had been stumped, but now I destroyed a certain object and things fell logically into place. I was able to proceed with the game, following it to an entertaining and pleasant conclusion.

Movement commands are usually simplistic. In some Adventures, possible directions to take are displayed at the top of the screen with the title "OBVIOUS EXITS ARE:". These may not be your only options, however. Lost in a desert, with a road in sight (and the message YOU SEE: A ROAD, CACTUS, SAND displayed), you may have the additional movement-command options of GO ROAD, GO CACTUS, or GO SAND. These may produce such diverse results as YOU ARE ON A ROAD, YOU SEE: DESERT, MOUNTAINS, TOWN or OUCH! I'M STUCK FULL OF PRICKLY PEAR NEEDLES or I'VE BEEN BIT-TEN BY A RATTLESNAKE, I'M DEAD.



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Listing 1: Sample dialog from an Adventure. These three screens are from Lost Dutchman's Gold, an Adventure from The Programmer's Guild. The questions and long replies are by the Adventure program. The two-word replies at the end of each indented line are the player's command. Although the format will vary from Adventure to Adventure, each one will tell you something about your immediate surroundings. In this Adventure, the information above the heavy lines is rewritten after each command. In other words, the legend DEAD BURDENBEAST at the top of the last screen is displayed only after the command SHOOT BURDENBEAST (at the bottom of the screen) is given.

YOU ARE IN A SMALL CAMP. YOU SEE : CARRYSACKS. UNTIED BURDENBEAST. LEATHER PIECE. CAMPFIRE.

DEVIOUS EXITS ARE : WEST NORTH SOUTH EAST

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NOW? GET BURDENBEAST ? YOU HAVE NOT THE STRENGTH TO DO THAT, SIR KNIGHT. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NOW? EXAMINE CAMPFIRE

THERE'S SOMETHIN' HERE !! WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NOW? EXAMINE BURDENBEAST YOU SEE A FLOP-EARED ILL TEMPERED QUADRAPEDAL ANIMAL. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NOW? DROP CARRYSACKS

OK

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OBVIOUS EXITS ARE : WEST NORTH SOUTH EAST

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NOW? EXAMINE CARRYSACKS IT IS A WELL WORN DOUBLE CARRYSACK IT APPEARS TO HAVE SOMETHING IN IT,

MAYBE YOU SHOULD GET IT.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NOW? GET CARRYSACKS

OK

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NOW? OPEN CARRYSACK

OK

YOU ARE IN A SMALL CAMP. YOU SEE : DEAD BURDENBEAST, LEATHER PIECE, CAMPFIRE,

DBVIOUS EXITS ARE : WEST NORTH SOUTH EAST

MAYBE THE BURDENSEAST HASN'T BEEN FED RECENTLY WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NOW? FEED BURDENBEAST YOU'RE TOO SLOW, HE GOT AWAY. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NOW? GET HANDWEAPON

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NOW? SHOOT BURDENBEAST WITH WHAT? HANDWEAFON

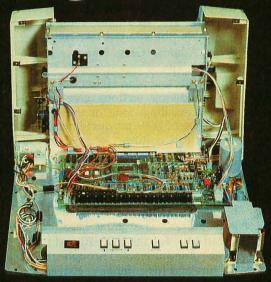
Not that you shouldn't try all available options—there could just as easily be a treasure or a clue behind that cactus or in that underbrush. Things can often be examined from a distance. If not, a curt YOU CAN'T DO THAT YET will appear on the screen, followed by a nasty electronic snicker from deep within your computer. Generally, when the word YET appears in a message, you know you are on the right track.

Magic words or teleportation phrases are popular with some Adventure authors. SAY the magic word and the whole world spins around, taking you elsewhere or elsewhen.

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CLIMB is a word you can use to get somewhere when saying a magic word does not teleport you. If you are carrying an object, you may have to drop it to proceed with climbing. Generally, what can be climbed into can be climbed out of. Don't be afraid

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On the other hand, the author of your Adventure, while bound by the laws of order and fair play, is not above puns, a little chicanery, or outand-out silliness. Watch for double meanings in the author's choice of words; he will fool you, if he can, with painfully obvious clues.

The HELP, SCORE, and INVEN-TORY commands are always explained in the openings of the programs. They accomplish what their names imply.

Adventures are tremendous fun, but you must stay alert and ask the

right questions: What do I see? Where can I go? What is the easiest way to get there? What can I do where I am? These questions can help you solve the puzzle and win the game.

There are six main vendors of microcomputer-based Adventures: Scott Adams, Greg Hassett, Radio Shack, The Programmer's Guild, Microsoft, and Mad Hatter Software. The following sections give a synopsis (revealing none of the secrets, however) of their product lines at the time of this writing.

## Scott Adams Adventures

Twenty-eight-year-old Scott Adams is generally credited with being the father of microcomputer Adventures. The game began as a "head toy" for the PDP-10 and other large computers. Through Scott Adams and his company, Adventure International, it soon found its way into the 16 K-byte TRS-80 heartland of America. Here is a list of his Adventures:

• Adventureland is a lighthearted little trip into the countryside. This first effort was written in BASIC, then changed to machine language. It

is a good beginning point for the novice since it is not too complicated. There are a bog and a lake and numerous other natural features to keep things lively. This is an Adventure that uses a magic word.

- Pirate's Cove is rated as a classic. Its smooth storytelling style quickly sets the standard for all Adventures to follow. There are four basic locations: a flat in London, an island, a Treasure Island, and never-neverland. The wild and wacky characters that populate this game only enhance it. A pirate, a mongoose, a parrot, and assorted other beasties give this Adventure a delightfully humorous effect.
- Mystery Fun House is an excursion into the madcap world of a carnival funhouse. It includes passing a gatekeeper and exploring multiple corridors. You must find a variety of objects within the funhouse and get out within the time limit. This one is a real brain teaser.
- Mission: Impossible pits you against unknown enemies in a race to stop a nuclear reactor from being destroyed. To complicate matters, there is a bomb planted in your head. This one is pretty tough to solve and is an absolute must for those whose Adventure skills have become well honed.
- Strange Odyssey is one of the best of this series. You are alone on a strange planetoid with only a broken spaceship and your wits. There is a rock with alien runes on it. If you solve the mystery of gaining entrance, a stargate to brave new worlds with treasures awaits you. Manipulation of objects with alien environments plays an important role in the solution of this puzzle.
- The Count is an Adventure that will leave your blood cold as you attempt to rid the world of Count Dracula once and for all. You must race against time to beat the sunset, find the Count in his humanoid form, and overcome his powers to drive the stake home. As for your motivation, there is an angry crowd preventing you from shirking your duty. A subpuzzle of this Adventure, deciphering the hallways, will keep you occupied for hours.
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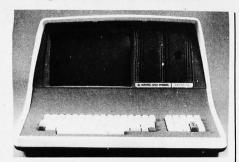
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#### The Microsoft Adventure

Microsoft Consumer Products, a sibling company to the Microsoft that has written so many versions of BASIC, has a very heavy version of Adventure available on disk only (most Adventures are supplied on cassette tape). It is reputed to be a copy of the original Adventure written by Crowther and Woods for the Digital Equipment Corporation PDP-10. The original Colossal Cave is there, and there is ample room on the floppy disk for the over 400 eloquent descriptions.

# The Programmer's Guild Adventures

One of the newest of the Adventure publishers is a little company called The Programmer's Guild. It distributes three adventures written by independent authors. Lost Dutchman's Gold and Spider Mountain are by Teri Li, and Death Dreadnought was coauthored by Biff and Spudd Mutt [pseudonyms, I hope . . . . GW] of Device Oriented Games.

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Clues and equipment may be scattered throughout the theme area. Their locations should not be obvious to avoid easiness, but they should also not be impossible to find. Avoid highly complicated situations; they interrupt the flow of your game.

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Make sure that your overall theme does not duplicate an Adventure already in existence. Both Adams and Hassett have extensive lines of Adventure scenarios. Mad Hatter Software and The Programmer's Guild, which have only a few Adventures each, are both planning more.

Research your settings. Make sure that your locations ring of authenticity and that your descriptions are accurate; otherwise, your reader will spend more time criticizing than play-

Be certain that your Adventure has a large enough vocabulary to function well. If you add radical words to your vocabulary, be sure that provisions are made for giving clues about them to your player.

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I have been involved for several years with Zork, one of the larger and (I would like to think) better worked out CFS games. The authors (Marc Blank, Tim Anderson, Bruce Daniels, and I) have spent a lot of time trying to make the universe of Zork as consistent and complete as possible within the bounds of the space available. The first version of Zork was written for the Digital Equipment Corporation PDP-10; it eventually grew to strain even the megabyte address space of that machine. The game was completely rewritten for microcomputers and is now limited primarily by the size of a 5-inch floppy disk. Zork games swap data (programs and text) into memory from the disk as needed and therefore aren't limited by the size of the system's user memory.

Standard 5-inch floppy disks store about 100 K bytes (some store more, some less). This works out to about 10,000 words of English prose and a similar amount (about 40 K bytes) of code. This is large for a microcomputer-based program, but as literature it's still only at the short story length.

Zork is shrunk to fit into the micro-world by running on a Zork-language virtual machine. This means that the

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code that is running while you are playing Zork is much more compact than the same program would be if written in machine language (on a Radio Shack TRS-80, for example). This is because the instruction set of the virtual machine is tailored to CFS games. For example, the Zork-language instruction to move an object from one room to another takes just 3 bytes of storage. The other advantage is that the Zork code is machine independent; all it takes to move Zork to another machine is to write the Zork-language interpreter for that machine. Such interpreters currently exist for the Apple II, PDP-11, PDP-10 and the TRS-80. For more details about the Zork-language see "How to Fit a Large Program into a Small Machine," by Marc S Blank and S W Galley, July 1980, Creative Computing.

Even using a disk to store parts of the game, the PDP-10 Zork was still too large for the micro-world. As a result, we split it into two smaller, independent games: The Great Underground Empire, Part I, and The Great Underground Empire, Part II, each of which is a self-contained program. There was room left over, so we added some new problems to round things out.

Still, a lot of universe can fit into a microcomputer and disk. Zork "understands" a useful subset of English (mostly imperative sentences), including sentences as complex as "Put all of the books but the green one under the rug." The Zork vocabulary is over 600 words and includes 100 verbs. A parser this powerful is a good-news/bad-news proposition. On the one hand, such a parser makes possible the implementation of subtle and realistic problems. When the most complicated sentence you can understand is "Drop uranium," you are limited to producing certain types of situations. If you can say "Tell the Robot 'Put the uranium in the lead box'," then the game can become more interesting.

*Zork* has a fairly complicated parser for imperative sentences. It endeavors to reduce its input to a construction of:

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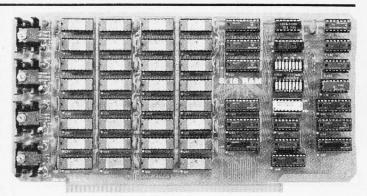
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to the verb, which allows Zork to differentiate

> PUT BOMB UNDER TROPHY CASE

from

>PUT BOMB IN TROPHY CASE

(Lines beginning with > are the player's input.)

Similarly, adjectives are used to distinguish among several books, doors, or any collection of like objects. In conjunction with all and but, adjectives provide powerful constructs:

## > TAKE ALL THE TREASURES >BURN ALL THE BOOKS BUT THE BLACK ONE

The parser also allows the player to be laconic, if he so desires. If only one object in the vicinity fits the verb he uses, it will be selected and the player will be informed:

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>OPEN Open what? >DOOR Which door do you mean? >THE TRAP DOOR

For more details on the Zork parser and internal structure, see "Zork: A Computerized Fantasy Simulation Game," by P David Lebling, Marc S Blank, and Timothy A Anderson, in IEEE Computer, April, 1979.

On the negative side, having a clever parser means that the player may expect almost any concept to be understood. Unfortunately, only a small number of concepts can be implemented given the available space.

Some concepts that Zork does implement are:

 Properties: Objects can have properties or attributes, some of them changeable. Lamps can be on or off, treasures valuable or worthless, villains fighting-mad or peaceful. Some of these properties never change; a container is always a container, for example. But other properties can change; for example, some containers may be opened and closed at will.

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• Weight: Objects have weight. A solid gold coffin weighs a lot more than a newspaper. The amount a player can carry depends on the total number of objects carried and on the total weight of the objects and their

• Position: An object may be in, on, or under another

• Vehicles: The player may be in a vehicle which is traveling through the locations in the game. In addition to the player, the vehicle may have other contents distinct from the player's belongings and the "contents" of the location.

• Time: Game events may be scheduled to happen at arbitrary future times. Time-bombs may go off, matches burn out, lanterns grow dimmer, and so on.

• Actors: Actors are other characters who have roles in the game. They may fight or choose not to. They may speak to the player or be spoken to. They may move around or stay in a particular place.

• Fighting: The player may engage in combat with other inhabitants of the game. He may be wounded (affecting his ability to carry heavy loads), or he may kill his opponent and retrieve the opponent's weapon.

Every object in Zork has a pointer to its location (which may be "nowhere"), which is its parent; a pointer to the next object in the same location, which is its sibling; and a pointer to its first contents, which is its first child. Thus, a container points to its contents, and the contents point back to it.

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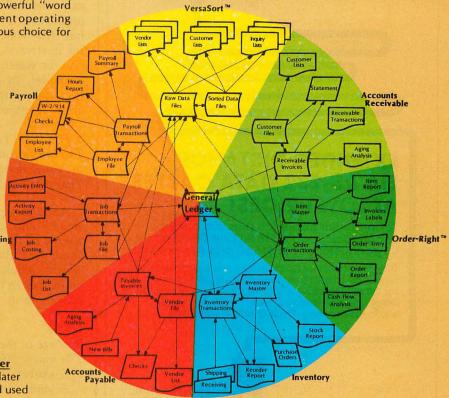
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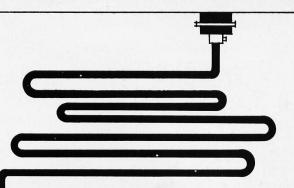
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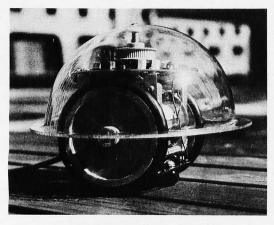
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Terrapin, Inc. 678 Massachusetts Ave. # 205 Cambridge, Mass. 02139 617-692-8816 be in only one place at one time. Things like water, which can potentially be infinitely finely divided, are difficult to implement in Zork for this reason. Consequently Zork has two "water" objects; one for water in general (flowing in streams, filling reservoirs, leaking from pipes) and one for water in the player's possession (in a bottle, for example). In handling water, the general sort always eventually ends up as the specific sort, and exceptions aren't tolerated:

>FILL BOTTLE WITH WATER The bottle is now full of water. >POUR WATER

The water spills to the ground and evaporates.

Another aspect of containment involves problems of weight and capacity. The weight of an object must always be the sum of its own weight and the weight of its contents. Naturally, each of the contained objects has its weight calculated the same way. On the other hand, the volume of an object is filled only by the size of the objects directly in it.

#### LOOK

You are in the magic boat. The magic boat contains:

A shovel.

A lamp.

A solid-gold coffin.

The solid-gold coffin contains:

A brown sack.

The brown sack contains:

A lunch.

A clove of garlic.

Of course, containers have other properties. They can be open or closed, opaque or transparent, locked or unlocked.

>INVENTORY

You are carrying:

A glass bottle.

The glass bottle contains:

A quantity of water.

>DRINK WATER

I can't reach the quantity of water.

>OPEN BOTTLE

Opened.

>DRINK WATER

Thank you very much. I was rather thirsty.

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Possibly the most useful concept in Zork is that of time. An arbitrary event may be scheduled to occur at an



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arbitrary time in the future: for example, the discharging of the batteries in a lantern is controlled in this way.

Introducing time also introduces some problems. If an event is scheduled, the circumstances under which it is valid must be coded into it. Otherwise, the behavior of the game can appear nonsensical. Suppose the player lights the fuse on some dynamite. If he sticks around, he will be blown to smithereens. He runs away, only to find that the dynamite has apparently followed him. He still gets blown up because, when the explosion happens, the program doesn't check to see if he is still there.

One method of dealing with players who are "killed" in Zork is to resurrect them in a forest. In an early version of Zork, it was possible to be killed by the collapse of an unstable room. Due to carelessness with scheduling such a collapse, 50,000 pounds of rock might fall on your head during a stroll down a forest path. Meteors, no doubt.

In an effort to introduce a little more randomness into what was at one time a deterministic game, we added fighting. The player was allowed to attack any of the monsters or other characters he encountered during his travels. The scheme we implemented is conceptually simple. There is a range of possible outcomes for any attack, either by the player on a villain or vice versa. You can be killed outright, knocked unconscious, wounded, wounded seriously, staggered, or you can have your weapon knocked from your hand.

The villain, each time it is his turn to riposte, has the option of parrying or turning and running (if he is not limited to one room, as the troll is). Some weapons are better against certain opponents than others. The relative DEC LSI-11 Components Dependable service at discount prices **Domestic** and Export Computer Suppliers, Inc. 25 Chatham Rd., Summit, N.J. 07901 Since 1973 (201) 277-6150 Telex 13-6476

strengths of player and opponent figure into the outcome as well (the player's strength is a function of health and progress in the game). The results are a selection of appropriate messages describing the fight as it progresses.

>KILL THIEF WITH SWORD

Clang! Crash! The thief parries.

>AGAIN

The thief receives a deep gash on his side.

>KILL

The thief slowly approaches, strikes like a snake, and leaves you wounded.

>ATTACK

The thief is disarmed by a subtle feint past his guard. The robber, somewhat surprised at this turn of events, nimbly retrieves his stiletto.

>KILL THIEF

A good stroke! Blood wells down the thief's leg. You evidently frightened the robber. He flees, but the contents of his bag fall to the floor.

Well, he may live to fight another day, but you recovered some of his booty. Fighting in *Zork* is pretty primitive when compared to real life or even to a "melee" in the popular game *Dungeons and Dragons*. You could make combat more elaborate, and in fact there are CFS games that have gone in that direction, producing quite realistic "hack and slash" games.

Possibly, the most enjoyable aspect of writing *Zork* was designing the other characters the player may encounter. *Zork* contains various other *actors*, including a troll, a thief, a wizard, various monsters and friendly gnomes, and a beautiful princess. Some of these are pretty simple. The troll is basically an obstacle. He doesn't move but merely bars the way and must be defeated by force of arms.

The thief, on the other hand, is embodied by a complex program. After a while, he begins to take on a personality of his own: the slightly down-at-the-heels younger son of a noble family, perhaps. He is cultivated but has a rather nasty sense of humor. For example, his idea of fun is to foul up the standard Adventure maze-mapping technique of identifying rooms by dropping objects in them. When he finds a player doing that, he will wander around switching objects, no doubt chuckling all the while:

You are in a maze of twisty little passages, all alike. > DROP KNIFE

Dropped.

In the distance, you hear a voice saying, "My, I wonder what this fine rope is doing here?"

Some actions of the thief are motivated by the characterization; he is unlikely to kill you during a fight if he knocks your weapon out of your hand—too well bred. On the other hand, maybe his thiefly reflexes will get the better of him . . . . Many of the thief's actions are motivated by simple probability. There is a certain chance he will stop in any room while roaming around, a certain probability that he will steal any particular object (high for treasures, of course), and a probability that he will decide to attack the player. His behavior, nonetheless, can seem very realistic: Sometimes he seems to dog

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the player, who no sooner finds a treasure than the thief filches it.

There is a rich range of possibilities in producing games in which characters in the story (other than the player) act more like real people and less like monsters or onedimensional villains. But the simulation of human behavior is still an unsolved problem in the field of artificial intelligence. The best approximations to date have been the classic simulations of a nondirective psychotherapist (Weizenbaum's Eliza) and of a psychotic paranoid (Colby's Parry). But even they would not make very interesting characters in a story. (These two curious beings actually met once, as recorded in "Parry Encounters the Doctor" by Vinton Cerf, in Datamation, July 1973.)

There are other, more mundane areas in which Zork could be extended. For example, take a simple concept like clothing. If the player can reference his clothing (or even a magic ring he might be wearing) some interesting questions arise. Is there a distinction between wearing something and carrying something? Probably, because when the player says "drop all," he probably doesn't mean to include his clothes. Also, the existence of clothes probably means the definition of many parts of the body. You could take this to extremes:

#### >INVENTORY

You are empty-handed.

You are wearing a diamond ring on your right index

You are wearing bells on your toes.

You are wearing a coonskin cap on your head.

Of course, if you implement clothes, there might as well be pockets, and backpacks, and other "different" sorts of containers. It would have to be defined whether the player can reference things inside them (what if the flap of the backpack is closed, for example?). What happens if he falls into a lake? Do the clothes drag him down? What about wearing a suit of armor? Clothes probably need a weight or need to produce a fatigue effect on the player.

The mention of falling into a lake brings up another possible extension to Zork. Currently players aren't allowed to swim. One reason was to avoid the problems associated with the player's belongings dragging him under. Another is the question of what happens to his belongings. Do they get wet? If so, do they ever dry out again? What about wet matches (to give one example)? Is wet paper still burnable? How long can the player swim? Can he hold his breath and swim underwater? There are any number of guestions that have to be considered if such a feature is to be implemented.

Even the addition of a run-of-the-mill object can produce complications. In early versions of Zork, the troll's axe disappeared when he was killed. We finally decided to let the player recover it, as advances in Zork weapons technology removed the reason for destroying it. Unfortunately, we didn't think it through. One of our best play testers, on hearing that "you can finally get the axe," immediately said, "Great, I'm going to go up to the forest and chop down some trees." Oops. We never thought of that, not to mention using the axe to chop through doors, split timbers, and any number of other commonplace uses for something we were thinking of strictly as a weapon.

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The authors of *Zork* have thought about several possible extensions to the *Zork* parser. One that has come up many times is to add adverbs. A player should be able to do the following:

#### >GO NORTH QUIETLY

You sneak past a sleeping lion who sniffs but doesn't wake up.

The problem is to think of reasons why you would not do everything "quietly," "carefully," or whatever. Perhaps there should be time and fatigue penalties for doing things in a nonstandard way:

#### > SEARCH WALL CAREFULLY

This would take a long time (and all the while the lamp is burning down), possibly tiring the player out. To be fair to the player, he should not need to search every wall carefully, or walk quietly everywhere. There should be reasonable clues or hints as to why and where he should do such things.

This long discussion of the problems of extending *Zork* is not intended to scare anyone (including the authors of the game). The idea is to show that apparently simple extensions to the game have their nonobvious ramifications. Of course, it would be simple to ignore them, but we think that the authors of a game should play fair with the players. Just as it's disappointing to see the wires holding up Flash Gordon's spaceship, it's disappointing to see:

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> PUT RING ON FINGER I don't know the word 'finger'.

We authors would hardly claim that *Zork* is perfect in this respect, but we have made an effort in that direction. When we add something new, we try to think of how the player might try to use it and what verbs he might try to apply to it. Within the space available, we've tried to put most of those things in.

All the CFS games that I have encountered are similar in one major respect: they are about problem solving and the acquisition of treasure. This is probably because a structure containing problems and rewards is obvious and easy to implement.

It is possible to imagine games in which the goals are different. Some programmers in southern California have designed a game in which the moral choices the player makes have a significant impact on the game. For example, does the player give an old man some water? Similarly, the problem-solving idea could be shifted into something closer to scientific research. The player could be introduced into an environment where he performs experiments, ponders the results, and ultimately gains understanding and control of that environment.

Innovations in form as well as content are possible. There are already CFS games that try to give the player a graphic view of his surroundings. As microcomputer technology advances, this will become more common, and the renditions will achieve higher quality: it will be technically feasible to have a CFS game "illustrated" by Frank Frazetta or Jeff Jones. On the other hand, the player's imagination probably has a more detailed picture of the Great Underground Empire than could ever be drawn. I can even recall discussions among the game's implementors over who should play the thief in the movie version.

Another area where experimentation is going on is that of multiplayer CFS games. Each player (possibly not even aware how many others are playing) would see only his own view of the territory. He would be notified when other players enter or leave the room, and could talk to them. There was briefly a multiplayer version of the PDP-10 *Zork* several years ago, and today there is a "Multiple User Dungeon" at Essex University in England.

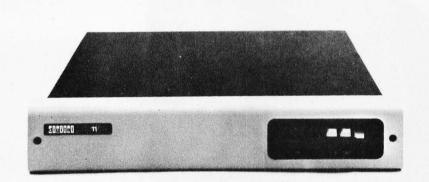
There are major problems, however. One is producing problems that are compatible with different numbers of players (from one to, say, a dozen). If it takes five players to solve a problem (one to hold the light bulb and four to turn the ladder?), what happens if only two people are playing? The other problem, as far as the microcomputer owner is concerned, is that few can afford an unlimited number of machines or even video monitors to accommodate so many players.

CFS games as an art form can continue to grow as long as their medium continues to grow. *Zork* is already constricted by the size of today's microprocessors (it was large even on the PDP-10), but the new generations of 16- and 32-bit machines offer the opportunity of enormous further growth. The possibilities of new concepts, new milieux, and new purposes are enormous. We would like to think that it will not be long before authors view such scenarios as just another medium of expression. I find the prospect exciting because I enjoy playing CFS games as much as writing them. ■

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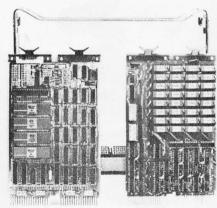
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# Character Variation in Role-Playing Games

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Editor's Note: This issue is concerned with Adventure and its variants. Some Adventure enthusiasts will claim that games like Automated Simulations' Morloc's Tower (see a review of this game on page 84) are not really Adventures. To see that this is rightly so, contrast this article by Jon Freeman, creative director for Automated Simulations, with the Adventure article, "On the Road to Adventure," by Bob Liddil (page 158).

But this is not to say that the Dunjonquest games and an increasing number like them are not "as good as" the more conventional command-and-answer Adventure games. Rather, they emphasize a different set of values that capture the player's imagination in another, equally engaging way. Players of Dungeons and Dragons and other role-playing games will find a lot of the Dungeons and Dragons philosophy used in Automated Simulations' Dunjonquest games. Unlike Dungeons and Dragons, however, computer-aided games of this sort have the advantage of running in real time. A fight that could take 15 minutes to resolve in Dungeons and Dragons will only take 10 seconds to resolve with these games, so you'd better be fast on your keyboard! . . . . GW

The peculiar attraction of Dungeons and Dragons, Tunnels and Trolls, Traveller, and other similar games stems, I believe, from two things: open-endedness and roleplaying. Anything can happen: as a player in such a game, you may be attacked by 1,000 goblins or a jealous lover, contract a disease, acquire a new suit of armor, or inherit one hundred dollars—er, gold pieces. Anything can be done, from fighting a dragon to begging a wizard's forgiveness, from besieging a castle to kissing a frog. And it never stops, except temporarily: there is no final victory,

There is no role-playing in games of the Adventure/Zork family.

no point to playing except playing, and no ultimate aim except the continuing development of your "character"—the alter ego who stalks the imagined landscape in your stead.

Even microcomputers in a fraction of a second can make complicated calculations that would take a *Dungeons and Dragons* referee minutes of page-turning and piles of charts. However, no computer games can handle all the aspects alluded to above as well as the best-run noncomputer games. Computer-based games can therefore be grouped according to which aspects they emphasize and which they ignore.

There is no real role-playing, for instance, in the Adventure/Zork family: the protagonist is just you in a strange setting. Games of that sort concentrate on the perceived openendedness of action: not only is there a multitude of command options available (typically far more than Dunjonquest's eighteen or so), but also they are not made known to you except by trial and error. It can be quite challenging to find the right key, the right moment, and the right command necessary to insert it in the right lock; but once you do, the door will open—always. Thus, a game like Adventure is really a puzzle that, once solved, is without further interest.

Character Variation in Dunjonguest

The Dunjonquest series employs a different approach. For one thing, situations are primarily defined graphically, not textually: you see the situation rather than just being told about it. More to our present purpose, while some Dunjonquest games, like Morloc's Tower, have a specific object (finding and slaying the mad and elusive wizard Morloc), there is an open-endedness of result in all of them on the micro level (if you'll excuse a small pun). Generally speaking, there are no "right" answers; the outcome of events is probabilistic, not predetermined.

Brian Hammerhand, the assigned alter ego/protagonist of Morloc's Tower and The Datestones of Ryn, can, for example, slay a dire wolf nine times out of ten, but on any particular occasion he may survive the encounter unscratched, or limp away badly mauled and out of breath-and there is also that tenth time. Moreover, the exact outcome of any encounter depends both on the tactics you choose and on the specific traits of your surrogate character. The experience is different every time you play and quite different with each new character you take on your adventure. You are role-playing: getting outside youself and into the skin of another (albeit imaginary) being.

In The Temple of Apshai, Hellfire Warrior, The Cliffs of Tyyr, and others in the Dunjonquest series, six traits or attributes are used to distinguish Samson the Strong from Cugel the Clever, and Dorgon the



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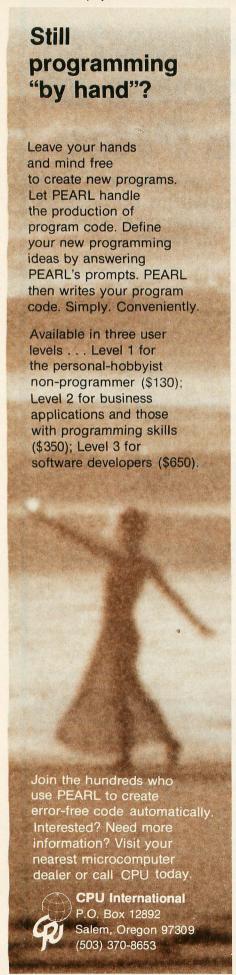
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Dolt from either. Three traits (ego, intelligence, and intuition) cover the mental aspects of a character, and three traits (dexterity, strength, and constitution) cover the physical attributes. Each of these is assigned a number (randomly, if the program is creating the character) from a low of 3 to a high of 18—the equivalent of rolling three six-sided dice, which is how such characters are normally created in games like *Dungeons and Dragons*. (This commonality allows you to bring characters from "outside" into the Dunjonquest world.)

The numerical valuation permits the use of charts and tables, or computer calculations, to affect or resolve outcomes during the course of the adventure. It also permits  $16^6 = 16,777,216$  different characters, which is enough to allow all the variation you could ask for *if* the system is set up to handle it.

#### Dexterity and Constitution

In the Dunjonquest systems, character variation affects the game in many ways. For instance, in any round of combat between an adventurer (you and your character) and a monster (dragon, troll, goblin, common thug, etc), there is a chance the character will strike the monster with his sword, and a separate chance that the monster will strike the adventurer with his teeth/claws/club/bad breath. Dexterity, representing a combination of reflexes, coordination, speed, etc, interacts with the adventurer's choice of weapons in a complex way to modify those combat probabilities.

Simply put, with a dexterity of 4, Cleavon the Clumsy has trouble keeping his shield out of his own way; he spends much of his time futilely slicing the air and is an easy target for attacking monsters. In contrast, Flash Farrad (dexterity 17) will hit his opponent far more often and will block more blows with his shield. Reasonably enough, since Farrad is better at hitting where he aims, his advantage over Cleavon extends to the amount of damage he is likely to do (but other factors - size of the weapon and strength of the sword arm — enter in; see the following).

Constitution, a measure of health and endurance, is perhaps the single most important trait, since it represents specifically the number of points of damage a character can sustain before dying. A monster must do exactly three times as much damage to Steel Strongheart (constitution 18) to kill him as it would take to do in poor Ferdinand the Frail (constitution 6). (In fact, Ferdinand is too sickly to pass muster in the Dunjonquest character-generation sequence, which rejects hopelessly inferior characters.) Furthermore, Ferdinand will tire (from moving or fighting) three times as fast as Steel. Since fatigued characters must rest or risk falling easy prey to monsters through sheer exhaustion, even running away can be hazardous to unhealthy adventurers.

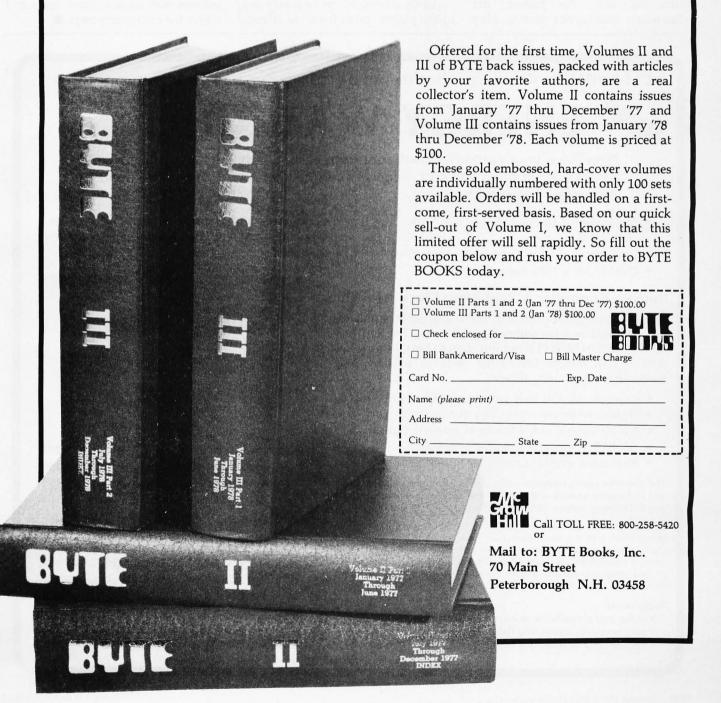
#### Strength and Ego

Strength measures how strong the character is and affects damage done in combat both directly and indirectly. Heavier weapons do potentially more damage, but not all characters can wield even a broadsword, and only the strongest can manage a hand-and-a-half sword one-handed. More directly, the nominal damage (obtained by a random "die roll" itself affected by dexterity and other factors) done by the adventurer to the monster he is fighting is multiplied by one-tenth the strength value to determine the gross damage done. On a "roll" that yields a nominal damage of five points, Nerdley the Not-so-Strong (strength 8) actually does only  $5 \times .8 = 4$  points of damage, while Manfred the Mighty (strength 16) would receive  $5 \times 1.6 = 8$  points of damage out of the same swing of a sword. Strength is also part of the complex algorithm used to calculate fatigue, which is, in part, related to the ratio between the amount of weight an adventurer is carrying at any moment and the square of his strength. Stronger characters can manage heavier armor and more treasures without strain.

Ego is a measure of mental toughness and willpower. In part, it expresses the differing reactions of people to stress: in a bad situation, Casper Milquetoast (ego 3) gives up, while Darvon the Determined (ego 16) redoubles his efforts. This translates into an increase (for Darvon) or decrease (for Casper) in the probability that either will strike the monster he is fighting; the value of the increase/decrease is dependent on the extent of their injuries.

In Dunjonquest games in which the

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protagonist is a magician, ego affects the power of a spell much the same way strength modifies a physical attack. In all games, ego is added to intelligence to determine the success of a character's attempt to parley with a monster. Finally, it interacts with intelligence in a more complex way to affect a character's ability to bargain in the Inn, Apothecary, and Magic Shoppe.

Intelligence and Intuition

Intelligence in Dunjonquest is limited to the "left-brain" powers of logical reasoning and verbal expression. Since it most closely represents that quality brought to bear on the game by you, the player, the character's intelligence affects play

less than any other attribute. It helps or harms the ordinary adventurer chiefly in his negotiations with monsters or the Innkeeper and company, and it controls the complexity of spells used.

The final attribute, *intuition*, is the complement of intelligence: it covers real and imagined "right-brain" functions like spacial perception, ESP, and luck. The probability of finding secret doors, traps, and monsters lurking in the next room is directly dependent on the attribute of intuition. Poul the Perceptive (intuition 15) finds secret doors with ease; Igor the Insensitive (intuition 5) finds traps only by falling into them.

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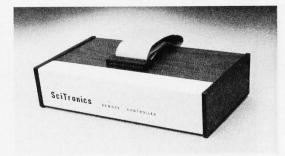
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A Short History

Time flies. The copyright date on my game, *Pirate's Adventure*, reads 1978. It seems like yesterday, but it has been two and a half years since I started on my Adventures . . .

At the time I was working as a systems programmer for Stromberg Carlson when I was first introduced to the classic Adventure game written by Crowther and Woods to run on a DEC (Digital Equipment Corporation) PDP-10. After playing for only a few minutes I was hooked. It took almost ten days of early-morning and late-evening sessions before I achieved the coveted score of 350 and the title of Grand Master. I had done it-I was a bona fide adventurer! Yet it seemed unfair that such a fascinating game was restricted to such an expensive machine.

Back then, I had just gotten my Radio Shack TRS-80 Level II computer, and (having recently finished my backgammon program) I was looking for another good game to write. The concept of character strings intrigued me, and I wanted a game that used them. (Up to that point, I had programmed primarily in FORTRAN and assembly language, neither of which can handle strings easily.)

Adventure seemed to fit my needs exactly. But I didn't want to copy someone else's program, and I was afraid I wouldn't get much of an Adventure in a 16 K-byte BASIC computer—especially when the FORTRAN version I played took about 300 K bytes!

I mentioned the idea of getting some sort of Adventure into my small machine to friends; fortunately, I was not daunted by their laughter. After all, I could remember when it was supposedly impossible to get a BASIC interpreter to run on an 8080

microprocessor!

Interpreter? Did I say interpreter? Suddenly the idea fell into place! I had written many compilers and operating systems. Why not write an Adventure interpreter? This would allow me to write many Adventures and would also provide the compression I needed to fit them into a small

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machine. (Inside, I'm really a frustrated science-fiction writer; I have over 3000 science-fiction books in my collection but have never tried to write one myself.)

So, weeks later, my initial scribblings had evolved into a working interpreter with a skeleton Adventure to play on it. It took some six months of play-testing before my first Adventure, Adventureland, was finally released through The Software Exchange of Milford, New Hampshire, and Creative Computing Software. Thus the Scott Adams Adventure Series was born.

And, at that same moment, it almost died. For six months I had been so engrossed in programming Adventure that my wife Alexis (who at the time was pregnant with Maegen, our daughter) started hiding my floppy disks around the house to get my attention. Once she hid them in the oven—boy, did she get some attention that time! I then decided that one Adventure was enough.

Some time after that, Alexis unexpectedly announced that she wanted to write an Adventure, and it was this effort that led to the Scott Adams

Adventure given in listings 1 and 2, Pirate's Adventure. With her basic ideas, we created an Adventure that was different from any that had ever been written before. Instead of simply searching for treasures in this Adventure, you now had an added ingredient-a "mission." (In this case, you had to figure out how to build a pirate's ship!) This set the stage for many of my later mission-oriented Adventures that replace a cumulative score with a do-or-die situation. These include my Mission Impossible, The Count, Voodoo Castle, and Mystery Fun House Adventures.

All my current Adventures, for the Apple II, the Radio Shack TRS-80, and the Exidy Sorcerer, are written in machine language and run much faster and cleaner than the original BASIC versions (of which there were only two and a half). I probably would never have written these programs in machine language if it had not been for the gentle nudges I received from a friend I've never met but greatly respect, Lance Micklus.

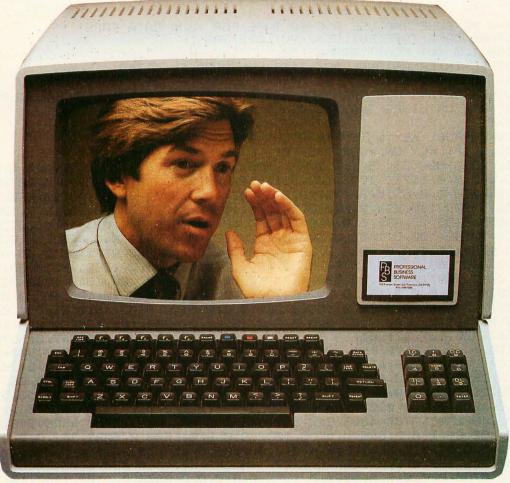
**Program Notes** 

Pirate's Adventure was first sold commercially to run in Level II BASIC on a 16 K-byte TRS-80. Both the Adventure-interpreter program (in BASIC) and a data file created by the Adventure-editor program were on the cassette tape. After you loaded the interpreter program, you used it to read the data file, an operation that took 20 minutes but allowed me to compress a lot of Adventure into very little memory space.

In planning this article, I had to devise a means of creating the tape data file without using the Adventure editor. The BASIC program in listing 1 provides the means. This program, which runs on a TRS-80 with 16 K

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6320 DATA\*I'M ON THE BEACH AT TREASURE ISLAND, 21, 0, 23, 0, 0, 0, 5POOKY OLD GRAVEYARD FILLED WITH PILES

OF EMPTY AND BROKEN RUM BOTTLES, 0, 0, 0, 22, 0, 0, LARGE BARREN FIELD, 10, 6, 6, 6, 0, 0, SHA LLOW LAGOON.

TO THE NORTH IS THE OCEAN, 0, 0, 0, 23, 0, 0

6340 DATATHE NAME OF THE BOOK IS -TREASURE ISLAND-

THERE'S A WORD ENGRAVED IN THE FLYLEAF -YOHO-

AND A MESSAGE -LONG JOHN SILVER LEFT 2 TREASURES ON TREASURE

ISLAND! -, NOTHING HAPPENS, THERE'S SOMETHING THERE ALRIGHT. MAYBE I SHOULD

6350 DATATHAT'S NOT VERY SAFE, YOU MAY NEED MAGIC HERE, EVERYTHING SPINS AROUND AN D SUDDENLY YOU ARE ELSEWHERE..., TORCH IS LIT, I WAS WRONG. I GUESS ITS NOT A MONG OOSE CAUSE THE SNAKES BIT IT., I'M SNAKE BIT

6360 DATAPARROT ATTACKS SNAKES AND DRIVES THEM OFF, PIRATE WON'T LET ME, ITS LOCKE D, ITS OPEN, THERE ARE A SET OF PLANS IN IT, NOT WHILE I'M CARRYING IT, CROCS STOP ME, SORRY I CAN'T, WRONG GAME YOU SILLY GOOSE!, I DON'T HAVE IT

6370 DATAPIRATE GRABS RUM AND SCUTTLES OFF CHORTLING,...I THINK ITS ME. HEE HEE, ITS NAILED TO THE FLOOR!,-MAGIC WORD- HO AND A ... (WORK ON IT. YOU'LL GET IT),NO. SOMETHING IS MISSING!,IT WAS A TIGHT SQUEEZE!,SOMETHING WON'T FIT

6380 DATASINCE NOTHING IS HAPPENING, I SLIPPED AND FELL..., SOMETHING FALLS OUT, THEY'RE PLANS TO BUILD JOLLY ROGER (A PIRATE SHIP!)

YOU'LL NEED HAMMER NAILS LUMBER ANCHOR SAILS AND KEEL., I'VE NO CONTAINER, IT SOAK S INTO THE GROUND

6390 DATATOO DRY. FISH VANISH., PIRATE AWAKENS. SAYS -AYE MATEY WE BE CASTING OFF SOON-

HE THEN VANISHES

,WHAT A WASTE..., I'VE NO CREW, PIRATE SAYS -AYE MATEY WE BE NEEDING A MAP FIRST-6400 DATAAFTER A MONTH AT SEA WE SET ANCHOR OFF OF A SANDY BEACH.

ALL ASHORE WHO'S GOING ASHORE..., TRY -WEIGH ANCHOR-, THERE'S A MAP IN IT, ITS A MAP TO TREASURE ISLAND. AT THE BOTTOM IT SAYS

-30 PACES AND THEN DIG!-

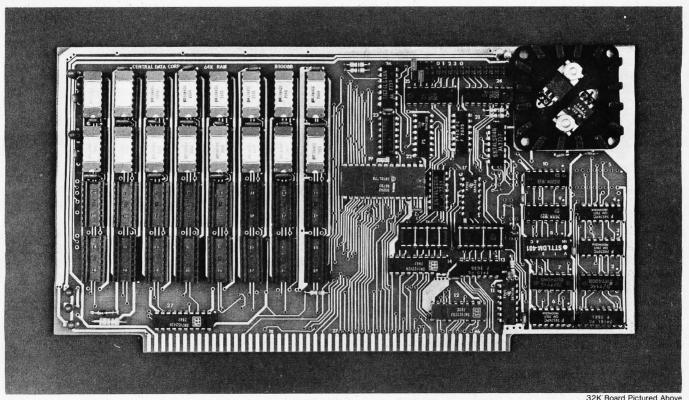
6410 DATA\* WELCOME TO -PIRATES ADVENTURE- BY SCOTT & ALEXIS ADAMS \*

,ITS EMPTY,I'VE NO PLANS!,OPEN IT?,GO THERE?,I FOUND SOMETHING!,I DIDN'T FIND AN YTHING,I DON'T SEE IT HERE,OK I WALKED OFF 30 PACES.
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6520 REM PROGRAM STARTS HERE...

6530 REM

6540 CLEAR800:DEFINTA-Z:POKE 16553,255:RESTORE

6550 CLS: INPUT"PREPARE DATA TAPE (HIT ENTER) "; TP\$: D=-1

6560 CLS:PRINT@64\*4, "ADVENTURE DATA TAPE BUILDER - WORKING"

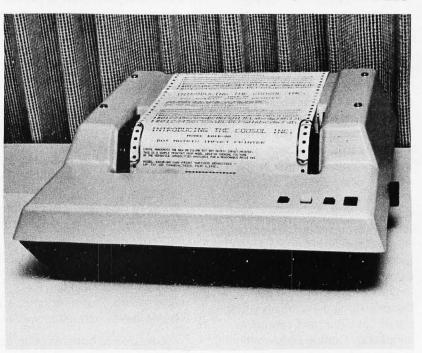
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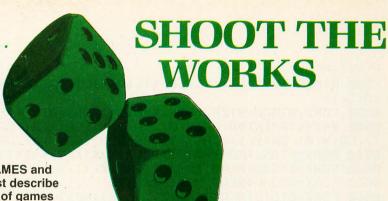


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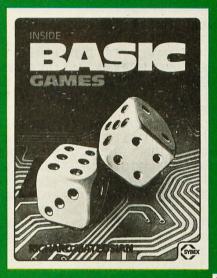


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- 6580 DIMCA(1,7),NV\$(NL+10,1),IA\$(IL),IA(IL),RS\$(RL),RM(RL,5),MS\$(ML),AA(5),A\$(9) ,A(1,7)6590 FORZ=0TOCL STEP2:FORXX=0TO1:FORY=0TO7:READ CA(XX,Y):NEXTY,XX:X=0 6600 Y=X+1:PRINT#D,CA(X,0),CA(X,1),CA(X,2),CA(X,3),CA(X,4),CA(X,5),CA(X,6),CA(X,
- 7),CA(Y,0),CA(Y,1),CA(Y,2),CA(Y,3),CA(Y,4),CA(Y,5),CA(Y,6),CA(Y,7):NEXTZ
- 6610 FORX=0TONL:FORY=0TO1:READ NV\$(X,Y):NEXTY,X
- 5620 FORX=0TORL:READ RM(X,0),RM(X,1),RM(X,2),RM(X,3),RM(X,4),RM(X,5),RS\$(X):NEXT
- 6630 FORX=0TOML:READ MS\$(X):NEXT
- 6640 FORX=0TOIL:READ IA\$(X), IA(X):NEXT
- 6650 FORX=0TONLSTEP10:FORY=0T01:PRINT#D, NV\$(X,Y), NV\$(X+1,Y), NV\$(X+2,Y), NV\$(X+3,Y) ),NV\$(X+4,Y),NV\$(X+5,Y),NV\$(X+6,Y),NV\$(X+7,Y),NV\$(X+8,Y),NV\$(X+9,Y):NEXTY,X
- 6660 FORX=0TORL:PRINT#D, RM(X,0), RM(X,1), RM(X,2), RM(X,3), RM(X,4), RM(X,5), RS\$(X):N EXT
- EE70 FORX=0TOML:PRINT#D, MS\$(X):NEXT
- 6680 FORX=0TOIL:PRINT#D, IA\$(X), IA(X):NEXT
- 6690 INPUT"REWIND TAPE TO BE VERFIED"; TP\$
- 6700 POKE16553,255:RESTORE:FORX=1T011:READA0:NEXT
- 6710 INPUT#D, A0, A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, B0
- 6720 IFBO() TRORAO() ILORA1() CLORA2() NLORA3() RLORA4() MXORA5() ROR(A6() TT) ORA7() LNOR (AS () LT) ORA9 () MLTHEN6790
- 6730 FORX=0TOCL STEP2:INPUT#D,A(0,0),A(0,1),A(0,2),A(0,3),A(0,4),A(0,5),A(0,6),A (0,7), A(1,0), A(1,1), A(1,2), A(1,3), A(1,4), A(1,5), A(1,6), A(1,7)
- 6740 FORY=0T01:FORZ=0T07:POKE16553,255:READA0:IFA(Y,Z)()A0THEN6790ELSENEXTZ,Y,X
- 6750 FORX=0TONLSTEP10:FORY=0T01:INPUT#D,A\$(0),A\$(1),A\$(2),A\$(3),A\$(4),A\$(5),A\$(5), ),A\$(7),A\$(8),A\$(9):FORZ=ØTO9:IFNV\$(X+Z,Y)()A\$(Z)THEN679ØELSENEXTZ,Y,X
- 6760 FORX=0TORL:INPUT#D,AA(0),AA(1),AA(2),AA(3),AA(4),AA(5),A\$:FORY=0TO5:IFAA(Y) <> RM(X,Y)ORA\$ (> RS\$(X)THENE79ØELSENEXTY, X
- 6770 FORX=0TOML:INPUT#D, A\$:IFA\$() MS\$(X) THEN6790ELSENEXT
- 6780 FORX=0TOIL:INPUT#D, A\$, AA(0):IFAA(0) () IA(X) ORA\$() IA\$(X) THEN6790ELSENEXTX:CLS :PRINT"DATA TAPE VERIFIED":END
- 6790 PRINT"BAD TAPE!":END

#### **Listing 2:** Main program of Scott Adams' Pirate's Adventure for the TRS-80. This program uses the data tape generated by listing 1.

- 'COPYRIGHT SCOTT ADAMS.
- 20 CLEAR5400:DEFINTA-Z:D=-1
- 3Ø IFD=-1IFMEM()4526PRINT"BAD LOAD":END
- 4Ø X=Y=Z:K=R=V:N=LL=F:TP\$=K\$:W=IP=P:Z\$="I'VE TOO MUCH TOO CARRY. TRY -TAKE INVEN TORY-":GOSUB1240:GOTO100
- 5Ø CLS:PRINT" 4:4:4: WELCOME TO ADVENTURE LAND. (#4.6) \*\*\*\*": PRINT: PRINT" UNLE SS TOLD DIFFERENTLY YOU MUST FIND \*TREASURES\*
- AND-RETURN-THEM-TO-THEIR-PROPER--PLACE!"
- 50 PRINT:PRINT"I'M YOUR PUPPET. GIVE ME ENGLISH COMMANDS THAT"
- 70 PRINT"CONSIST OF A NOUN AND VERB. SOME EXAMPLES...":PRINT:PRINT"TO FIND OUT W HAT YOU'RE CARRYING YOU MIGHT SAY: TAKE INVENTORY
- TO GO INTO A HOLE YOU MIGHT SAY: GO HOLE
- TO SAVE CURRENT GAME: SAVE GAME"
- 80 PRINT:PRINT"YOU WILL AT TIMES NEED SPECIAL ITEMS TO DO THINGS, BUT I'M
- SURE YOU'LL BE A GOOD ADVENTURER AND FIGURE THESE THINGS OUT."
- 90 PRINT: INPUT" HAPPY ADVENTURING... HIT ENTER TO START";K#:CLS:RETURN 100 R=AR:LX=LT:DF=0:SF=0:INPUT"USE OLD 'SAVED' GAME";K\$:IFLEFT\$(K\$,1)()"Y"THEN13 0
- 110 IFD()-1THENCLOSE:OPEN"I",D,SV\$ELSEINPUT"READY SAVED TAPE";K\$:PRINTINT(IL\*5/6 Ø)+1;"MINUTES"
- 120 INPUT#D, SF, LX, DF, R:FORX=0TOIL:INPUT#D, IA(X):NEXT:IFD()-1CLOSE
- 130 GOSUB50:GOSUB240:GOTO160
- 140 INPUT"TELL ME WHAT TO DO";TP\$:PRINT:GOSUB170:IFFPRINT"YOU USE WORD(S) I DON' T KNOW":GOTO140
- 150 GOSUB360:IFIA(9)=-1THENLX=LX-1:IFLX(0THENPRINT"LIGHT HAS RUN OUT":IA(9)=0ELS EIFLX(25PRINT"LIGHT RUNS OUT IN"; LX; "TURNS!"
- 160 NV(0)=0:GOSUB360:GOTO140
- 170 K=0:NT\$(0)="":NT\$(1)=""

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- 180 FORX=1TOLEN(TP\$):K\$=MID\$(TP\$,X,1):IFK\$=" "THENK=1ELSENT\$(K)=LEFT\$(NT\$(K)+K\$,LN)
- 190 NEXTX:FORX=0T01:NV(X)=0:IFNT\$(X)=""THEN230ELSEFORY=0TONL:K\$=NV\$(Y,X):IFLEFT\$
- (K\$, 1) = "\*"THENK\$ = MID\$(K\$, 2)
- 200 IFX=1IFY (7THENK\$=LEFT\$(K\$, LN)
- 210 IFNT\$(X)=K\$THENNV(X)=YELSENEXTY:GOTO230
- 220 IFLEFT\$(NV\$(NV(X),X),1)="\*"THENNV(X)=NV(X)-1:GOT0220
- 230 NEXTX:F=NV(0) (10RLEN(NT\$(1))) DANDNV(1) (1:RETURN
- 240 IFDFIFIA(9)()-1ANDIA(9)()RPRINT"I CAN'T SEE, ITS TOO DARK.":RETURN
- 250 K=-1:IFLEFT\$(RS\$(R),1)="\*"THENPRINTMID\$(RS\$(R),2);ELSEPRINT"I'M IN A ";RS\$(R);
  - 260 FORZ=0TOIL:IFKIFIA(Z)=RPRINT". VISIBLE ITEMS HERE:
  - " : K=Ø
  - 270 GOTO300
- 280 TP=IA=(Z):IFRIGHT=(TP=,1)="/"FORW=LEN(TP=)-1TO1STEP-1:IFMID=(TP=,W,1)="/"THENTP=LEFT=(TP=,W-1)ELSENEXTW
- 290 RETURN
- 300 IFIA(Z) () RTHEN320ELSEGOSUB280: IFPOS(0) +LEN(TP\$)+3)63THENPRINT
- 310 PRINTTP\$;". ";
- 320 NEXT: PRINT
- 330 K=-1:FORZ=0TO5:IFKIFRM(R,Z)()0PRINT"
- OBVIOUS EXITS: ";:K=Ø
- 34Ø IFRM(R, Z) () ØPRINTNV\$(Z+1, 1);" ";
- 350 NEXT: PRINT: PRINT: RETURN
- 360 F2=-1:F=-1:F3=0:IFNV(0)=1ANDNV(1)  $\langle 7THEN610ELSEFORX=0TOCL:V=CA(X,0)/150:IFNV(0)=0IFV \langle 0RETURN \rangle$
- 370 IFNV(0) () VTHENNEXTX:GOTO990ELSEN=CA(X,0)-V\*150
- 380 IFNV(0)=0THENF=0:IFRND(100)(=NTHEN400ELSENEXTX:GOTO990
- 390 IFN () NV(1) ANDN () ØTHENNEXTX: GOTO990
- 400 F2=-1:F=0:F3=-1:FORY=1T05:W=CA(X,Y):LL=W/20:K=W-LL\*20:F1=-1:ONK+1GOT0550,430

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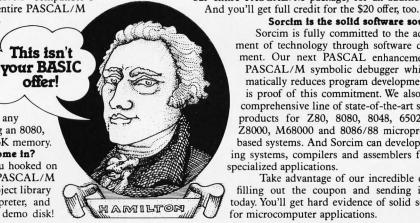
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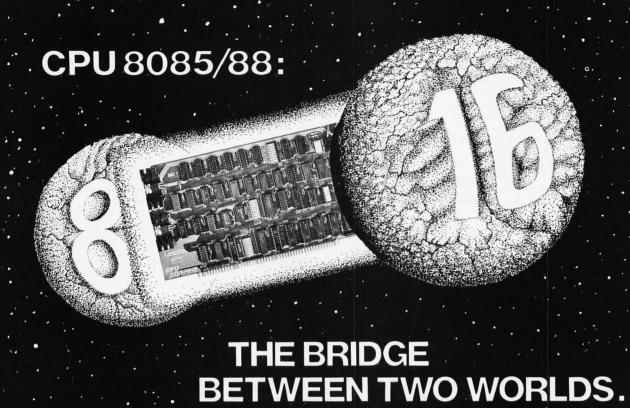
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940 LX=LT:IA(9)=-1:GOTO960

930 P=0:GOT0820

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- 950 CLS:GOT0960
- 96Ø NEXTY
- 970 IFNV(0) () 0THEN990
- 980 NEXTX
- 990 '
- 1000 IFNV(0)=0THEN1040
- 1010 GOSUB10E0
- 1020 IFFPRINT"I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR COMMAND":GOTO1040
- 1030 IFNOTF2PRINT"I CAN'T DO THAT YET":GOTO1040
- 1040 RETURN
- 1050 IP=IP+1:W=CA(X,IP):P=W/20:M=W-P\*20:IFM()0THEN1050ELSERETURN
- 1060 IFNV(0) () 10ANDNV(0) () 18DRF3THEN1230
- 1070 IFNV(1)=0PRINT"WHAT?":GOTO1180
- 1080 IFNV(0) () 10THEN1110
- 1090 L=0:FORZ=0TOIL:IFIA(Z)=-1THENL=L+1
- 1100 NEXT: IFL> = MXPRINTZ \$: GOTO1180
- 1110 K=0:FORX=0TOIL:IFRIGHT\$(IA\$(X),1)()"/"THEN1190ELSELL=LEN(IA\$(X))-1:TP\$=MID\$
- (IA\$(X),1,LL):FORY=LLTO2STEP-1:IFMID\$(TP\$,Y,1)()"/"THENNEXTY:GOTO1190
- 1120 TP\$=LEFT\$(MID\$(TP\$,Y+1),LN)
- 1130 IFTP\$()NV\$(NV(1),1)THEN1190
- 1140 IFNV(0)=10THEN1160
- 1150 IFIA(X) <>-1THENK=1:GOTO1190ELSEIA(X)=R:K=3:GOTO1170
- 1160 IFIA(X) <> RTHENK=2:GOTO1190ELSEIA(X)=-1:K=3
- 1170 PRINT"OK, ";
- 1180 F=0: RETURN
- 1190 NEXTX
- 1200 IFK=1THENPRINT"I'M NOT CARRYING IT"ELSEIFK=2PRINT"I DON'T SEE IT HERE"
- 1210 IFK=0IFNOTF3PRINT"ITS BEYOND MY POWER TO DO THAT":F=0
- 1220 IFK () OTHENF=0
- 1230 RETURN
- 1240 IFD()-1THEN1330ELSEINPUT"READY DATA TAPE. HIT ENTER
- " ; K\$
- 1250 INPUT#D, IL, CL, NL, RL, MX, AR, TT, LN, LT, ML, TR
- 1260 W=(IL+CL/2+NL/10+RL+ML)/12:PRINTW+1; "MINUTES TO LOAD."
- 1270 DIMNV(1), CA(CL,7), NV\$(NL,1), IA\$(IL), IA(IL), RS\$(RL), RM(RL,5), MS\$(ML), NT\$(1), 12(IL)
- 1280 FORX=0TOCL STEP2:Y=X+1:INPUT#D,CA(X,0),CA(X,1),CA(X,2),CA(X,3),CA(X,4),CA(X ,5),CA(X,6),CA(X,7),CA(Y,0),CA(Y,1),CA(Y,2),CA(Y,3),CA(Y,4),CA(Y,5),CA(Y,6),CA(Y , 7) : NEXT
- 1290 FORX= $\emptyset$ TONLSTEP1 $\emptyset$ :FORY= $\emptyset$ TO1:INPUT#D,NV\$(X,Y),NV\$(X+1,Y),NV\$(X+2,Y),NV\$(X+3,Y) ), NV\$(X+4, Y), NV\$(X+5, Y), NV\$(X+6, Y), NV\$(X+7, Y), NV\$(X+8, Y), NV\$(X+9, Y): NEXTY, X
- 1300 FORX=0TORL:INPUT#D,RM(X,0),RM(X,1),RM(X,2),RM(X,3),RM(X,4),RM(X,5),RS\$(X):N FXT
- 1310 FORX=0TOML:INPUT#D,MS\$(X):NEXT
- 1320 FORX=0TOIL:INPUT#D,IA\$(X),IA(X):I2(X)=IA(X):NEXT:IFD=-1RETURN
- 1330 REM



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bytes of memory, has the sole purpose of generating the Adventuredata file that will be read by the Adventure-interpreter program. The program of listing 1 writes the data on a C-60 cassette and verifies that the tape has been correctly written. Allow about 45 minutes for this program to run.

The Adventure-interpreter program appears in listing 2. It will read the tape data file in about 20 minutes and then start play of the game.

If you plan to run Pirate's Adventure, on a 32 K-byte TRS-80 or larger

machine, you can merge the two programs as follows: delete lines 6510 thru 6790 of listing 1. Append the data statements of listing 1 to listing replacing all occurrences of INPUT#D in listing 2 with the word READ.

It is possible to run this program on machines other than the TRS-80. If your machine runs a version of Microsoft BASIC (eg: Apple II running Applesoft, Commodore PET, Exidy Sorcerer, or any Ohio Scientific computer), you will have fewer changes to make. Here are some of the obscure changes that may have to

be made (depending on your machine and version of BASIC):

• A logical operation returns the value -1 (or hexadecimal FF) when true, and 0 otherwise. For example, executing:

PRINT 
$$(1=2)$$
,  $(1=1)$ 

causes the numbers 0 (denoting false) and -1 (denoting true) to be printed.

- The flag SF is a 16-bit integer that is set and tested with boolean algebra commands. This can be replaced by the following:
- 1. Dimension SF as SF(15)
- 2. Replace F1=SF AND
- $CINT(2\uparrow LL + .5)$  with F1 = SF(LL)
- 3. Replace SF=SF OR
- $CINT(2\uparrow P+.5)$  with SF(P)=-1
- 4. Replace SF=SF AND NOT CINT(.5+21P) with SF(P)=0
- IF . . . THEN . . . ELSE statements in TRS-80 Level II BASIC assert that, if the condition being tested is true, the statements between the words THEN and ELSE are performed. If the condition is false, the statements following the ELSE are performed. If your BASIC does not have the ELSE clause, you will have to split the statement into multiple lines.
- LEFT(A\$,B) returns the substring of A\$ from the first character to the Bth character. Similarly, MID\$(A\$,B,C) returns the substring from the Bth character on, for a total of C characters, and RIGHT\$(A\$) returns the last (ie: rightmost) B characters in the string.
- If you cannot create a twodimensional array of strings (eg: DIM A\$(20,3)) as a twenty-row by threecolumn array of strings), you will find conversion nearly impossible because this feature is used heavily in the program.

Happy adventuring, and watch out for the tides on Pirate's Island—they can be tricky. ■

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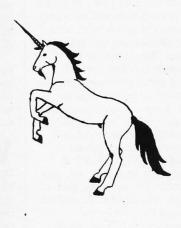
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# YTELINES

#### NEWS AND SPECULATION ABOUT PERSONAL COMPUTING

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299 Color Computer From Commodore: Commodore International Ltd has announced several new products, including the \$299 VIC-20 color computer, which has been the subject of much speculation over the past year. The VIC (Video Interface Computer) connects to any television set or monitor and features color (22-character by 23-line display); sound; 5 K bytes of programmable memory (expandable to 32 K bytes); user-programmable function keys; fullsize typewriter keyboard; high-resolution graphics; standard PET BASIC; a graphics character set; provisions for joysticks, paddles, and light pen; and external slots for extra memory and ROM (readonly memory) packs. Peripherals to be available include a tape-cassette unit, single floppy-disk drive, and printer. Commodore's new low-priced CBM 2031 single disk-drive unit (also part of the new products announcement) will be available in a serialbus version for use with the VIC-20. The CBM 2031 will be able to store up to 170 K bytes on a single 5-inch floppy disk. It will retail for under \$600.

Another significant announcement from Commodore was made with much less fanfare: a new, high-capacity business computer called the CBM 8096 that will feature an 80-column display, 96 K bytes of programmable memory, FORTRAN, COBOL, Ozz (Commodore's new useradaptable datamanagement and retrieval program), and probably VisiCalc. It could have a dramatically low price. The CBM 8096 in conjunction with a high-capacity disk drive (like Commodore's new CBM 8062, with 3.2 megabytes capacity), could undersell the already lowpriced Radio Shack Model II.

Availability: Do not expect to see the VIC-20 before the second quarter of 1981. The CBM 8096 will not be out before the fourth quarter of 1981.

Vinchester 8-Inch **Drives Off To Slow Start:** 

Manufacturers of 8-inch miniature Winchester harddisk drives are reporting that sales, so far, have been disappointing. Apparently there is a wait-and-see attitude on the part of customers. This appears to be due to standardization and interface problems, as well as the emergence of 5-inch miniature Winchester drives. Sales for 1980 were predicted to be in excess of 60,000 units; however, it appears that fewer than 37,000 will be shipped, with IBM taking a very sizable portion of this number.

Sales of 8-inch miniature Winchester drives are expected to increase at a healthy rate. Some industry analysts are predicting 500,000 units by 1985. It is further predicted that these drives will take over the 20- to 200-megabyte market previously held by 14-inch Winchester drives. It is expected that the 5-inch Winchester drives will dominate the under 20-megabyte market.

VLodel 33 Teletypewriter To Be Discontinued: The Teletype Corporation's Model 33 teletypewriter, affectionately known as "TTY" by long-time users, will be phased out of production by the end of 1981 after over twenty-five years of production. Teletype will also stop production on the models 28, 32, 35, DRPE, BRPE, and 4210. The Model 33 was the primary terminal for interactive computer use in the 1960s and early 1970s. Although it was designed for message transmission via telephone lines, early computer designers adopted it and its ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) character code as a standard. Parts and documentation support will be continued for five years.

EC Shuts Two Computer Stores: DEC (Digital Equipment Corporation), the first computer company to open a chain of computer stores, has halted the planned expansion of its store network. Further, it has closed two of its twenty-seven stores. Reportedly, DEC spent between three and five million dollars to open the stores plus an equal amount for operating expenses, yet only a few of the stores have become profitable. The stores closed are in Detroit and the Wall Street district of

New York City. More stores are expected to be shut down.

Xerox, CDC (Control Data Corporation), and Commodore all have followed DEC's lead by opening computer stores. Xerox expects to open fifteen stores in 1981, while CDC and Commodore stated that they expect to open "hundreds" of computer stores.

Reader's Digest Buys The Source: In a surprise move, the Reader's Digest has purchased a 51% interest in the Source Telecomputing Corporation. According to the Washington Post, Reader's Digest paid \$3,000,000—a substantial amount of money for a company with no assets and only a marketing concept. The Source is entirely a resale operation: communications from Telenet, computing from a time-sharing service called Dialcomm, and data bases from all over. The Washington Post article also disclosed a messy court battle between Bill Von Meister, who developed the idea for The Source (and some years ago, developed the idea for the Mailgram), and Jack Taub, who ousted Von Meister in a financial power struggle last year.

A recent article in Business Week described The Source's woes. When Jack Taub took over the company last October, he immediately fired forty-five of the seventy employees, cut expenses, and procured additional financing. However, many suppliers

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The Source promised in its advertisements that airline schedules. restaurant guides in major cities, and mailgram-like services would be available. The mailgram went into effect last April and the airline schedules in June. The restaurant guide still covers only two cities. Also, at present a maximum of 100 users can use the system simultaneously: higher demand on The Source has led to some long-delayed responses.

Most users seem to accept The Source's problems as those of a pioneer with development difficulties and that slowly, but surely, the services are improving. Most agree that even with its problems, The Source is very worthwhile.

The Reader's Digest could be just what The Source needs to become successful. The purchase indicates that the Reader's Digest is clearly moving into the electronic journalism/communications/information field.

he Japanese Āre Coming: Until now the US has dominated the micro-, mini-, and large-computer markets across the globe. However, things are changing and 1981 will no doubt see the Japanese as a major factor in the computer market. The Japanese are already pushing foreign computer suppliers out of the Japanese marketplace and are presently setting up marketing organizations in the US and Europe. They are moving slowly and very carefully, which is quite different from the American way of operating. Therefore, do not look for the Japanese computers to suddenly dominate the market. Rather, look for slow, but steady, growth as the Japanese learn how to adapt and market products in foreign marketplaces. There is no doubt that the

hardware is first-rate—a congressional task force recently concluded that Japan has caught up to the US in semiconductor technology "and in certain areas, may be ahead of us." In fact, many American computer makers are already using Japanese components in their computers, and the trend is increasing.

This picture is essentially the same as that of the introduction of Japanese cars into this country. Japanese cars were first introduced in the US about 20 years ago. Today they account for 40% of the market. Their cars cost more than US cars but are designed and made better. The same thing will probably happen in the computer market. Who knows, in another ten years we may see government-supported loans for Apple, Commodore, or Radio Shack.

ENIX. UNIX-Like. UNIX-Equivalent - What Next? There are now at least three UNIX-like operating systems available for microcomputers, only one of which is licensed by Western Electric. By now, Microsoft should have its XENIX operating system, developed in the C language under Western Electric license. It will be available for Z8000-based systems. Electrolabs already has its "UNIX-Like" systems available for Z80-based systems, and Morrow Designs has announced a "UNIX-Equivalent" system for use with its Z80 system.

Microsoft claims that XENIX is to be a superset of UNIX and that it will conform to Release 7 of UNIX. Further, Microsoft hopes "to establish a clearing-house for UNIX and XENIX software developed by users." XENIX will be sold primarily to OEMs (original equipment manufacturers), and Microsoft will receive \$500 for each single-user copy sold.

Electrolabs claims that its

OS-1 Operating System "appear[s] exactly like UNIX to the user" and that it "provides for up to 1024 users" plus "lots more"—all in 12 K bytes of code. A 4 K-byte CP/M adapter is also included (with source code) in the \$249 price.

The Morrow operating system will be advertised as a "UNIX-Equivalent." It will be designed to run specifically with the new Morrow Z80 processor card, which includes a hardware mathematics processor and a programmable system-supervisor circuit for memory management.

hree-Dimensional System To Be Introduced: Genisco Computers, Costa Mesa, California, is expected soon to announce the first three-dimensional computer-graphics display. It will use a vibrating parabolic mirror and stroke display to create the illusion of a three-dimensional object hovering in space before the operator. The system will probably sell for about \$100,000, and it is expected to find applications in air-traffic control, molecular research, and oil exploration.

Data Errors To Increase With Sunspots: NOAA (the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) is predicting that increases in sunspot activity will cause disruption of data communications worldwide. This increase occurs every eleven years, with 1981 thru 1983 being a period of intense activity. The last such period occurred between 1969 and 1972. The effect is felt to be more severe at higher altitudes.

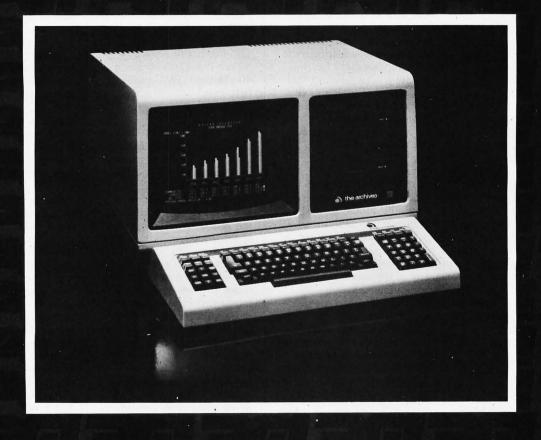
Double-Side Floppy
Woes Persist: Makers of
double-sided floppy-disk
drives finally appear to be
delivering reliable units.
Users report that the 5-inch
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excellent reliability.
However, 8-inch drives still

appear to have problems, and full production of high-reliability units is not expected for several more months. Experts are predicting that not until 1982 will we see a crossover point where more double-sided floppies are made than single-sided units.

ired Programmer Sued For Erasing Programs: A suit filed by Leeds & Northrup (L & N) against a former employee accuses him of erasing several valuable programs shortly after being fired from his project manager/programmer position and before his password had been removed from the system. L & N is asking for \$10,000 in damages and a court order restraining the former employee from future tampering with the computer. Fortunately, L & N was able to restore the obliterated programs from backup magnetic tapes.

Ups And Downs In
Personal Computing: It's
been all "ups" for Tandy
Corporation, while it has
been all "downs" for Texas
Instruments (TI).

It looks like Tandy will sell close to 300,000 Radio Shack Model I computer systems by the year's end. Tandy reported that its fourth quarter earnings rose 52% to over \$30 million, with year-end net sales of over \$112 million. That's an increase of over 35%, on sales that rose 14%. Further, Tandy announced that it plans to . open fifty more Radio Shack Computer Centers (there are sixty presently). Tandy also plans to have 250 full-line stores (ie: Radio Shack stores that. carry its full microcomputer line of products) by the end of 1981. Also, 100 new Radio Shack stores will be added, bringing the total number of Radio Shack. stores selling audio, electronic, and computer



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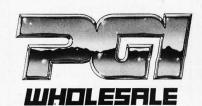
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Texas Instruments, on the other hand, has problems. Its 99/4 personal-computer system has met with poor sales, far less than TI projected. The general feeling is that, although the unit has many unique features, it is overpriced and undersupported. TI reported in its most recent quarterly report that this was one of the company's "adverse areas." But TI is not taking this lying down. Learning from automobile makers, TI is experimenting with \$200 rebates (\$100 cash and \$100 worth of software) and is backing this up with promotion, software development, and a seminar program. The 99/4 lists at \$950, but many dealers are discounting it to as low as \$699 plus rebate.

Funny Bit: The Manhattan Yellow Pages telephone directory lists Lifeboat Associates, the country's largest distributor of microcomputer software, under "Marine Supplies & Emergency Equipment."

Tandy Introduces Three
New Computers: Recently
the Tandy Corporation announced three new personal computers. Their
features have been covered
in detail in several publications (see the October 1980
BYTE, page 172); there is
no need to review them
here. However, some comments may be worthwhile.

The three machines are the TRS-80 Color Computer, the TRS-80 Model III, and the TRS-80 Pocket Computer. The color computer sells for \$400 in its basic configuration (4 K bytes of programmable memory) and is only expandable to 16 K. It uses the 6809 processor and is therefore not compatible with the TRS-80 Model I and II. It does not look like it is intended to compete with the Apple computer. Rather, it appears aimed at

competing with lower-level systems such as the Atari 400 and TI-99/4 personal computers.

Although Tandy denies it, the Model III appears to be a replacement for the Model I. Considering that the Model II. Contains the monitor, keyboard and disk drives in a single enclosure, is software compatible with the Model I, and offers additional enhancements, most industry people feel that the Model I will be phased out when the Model III systems finally arrive at the stores.

The Pocket Computer is really a marketing experiment. Neither Tandy nor any of the other pocketcomputer makers really know if there is a meaningful market for this machine. Quasar and Panasonic talk about selling one million of their new hand-held computers next year (at \$400 each). Tandy, however, is selling its at \$250 and may garner the major portion of the market.

But what is the market for these pocket machines? The makers are projecting that they will be bought by salesmen and executives who, via a modem, will contact their home computers to book orders. check order status, receive and send messages, etc. Will hobbyists be attracted to these machines? The successful systems today all have a strong hobbyist base. It will, therefore, be interesting to see if these pocket devices catch on as planned.

RS-80 Copy Due From Far East: EACA Limited of Hong Kong is manufacturing a functional copy of the Radio Shack TRS-80, which is no doubt the most popular microcomputer system made to date. Although it does not look like a TRS-80, it is hardware and software compatible with it. The computer will be marketed in the US by Personal Micro Computers Inc (PMC), Moun-

tain View, California, and will be known as the PMC-80. It will list for \$595 (without a monitor), which is \$200 less than the TRS-80. It will have a 50-pin bus (TRS-80 has a 40-pin bus); PMC plans S-100 and TRS-80 interfaces.

Random Rumor Bits: Zilog is still having problems delivering bug-free Z8000 chips.... AMD (Advanced Micro Devices) is rumored to be working on the Z8003, a 32-bit version of the Z8000, scheduled for release in 1981.... NEC is rumored to be about ready to announce a new video-display-controller integrated circuit capable of handling a bit-map graphics display of 1024 by 1024 pixels, devoting 16 bits to each pixel. It will be capable of being configured for gray scale or color (3 bits each for red, green, and blue intensities) and still have 7 bits left over for things like blinking pixels, intensity protection, etc.... Intel, Western Digital, National Semiconductor, and Texas Instruments are all rumored to be working on controllers for Winchester floppy-disk systems. When these integrated circuits are available, it should reduce the cost of these controllers from the present \$1000 to \$1500 to a range of \$200 to \$500....

Kandom News Bits: SofTech MicroSystems Inc, sole licensing agent for UCSD Pascal, expects to make available a 16-bit version of UCSD Pascal for 8086-based systems sometime in 1981. This will be followed later by a 68000 version.... Tandy Corporation (parent of Radio Shack) has acquired the Lika Corporation of Stockton, California, for \$4.5 million. Lika is a manufacturer of doublesided and multilayer printed-circuit boards.... Apple is having difficulty shipping Apple IIIs and

does not expect the first shipments until after the first of the year, six months later than promised.... Bubble-memory prices are dropping as yields improve. Intel has dropped the price of its BPK bubblememory prototyping kit from \$1710 to \$995 and its iSBC250 bubble-memory card from \$4750 to \$3500. Sales of bubble memories rose to \$226 million in 1980 compared to \$18.4 million in 1979.... National Semiconductor has introduced a microprocessor with BASIC in ROM (readonly memory). The INS8073 device has a 2.5 K-byte ROM with Tiny BASIC and a 64-byte area of programmable memory, which is used as a scratch-pad memory.... ANSI (American National Standards Institute) has established a committee to develop an APL language standard. Those wishing to participate should contact Clark Wiedman, University of Massachusetts Computing Center, Amherst MA 01003.... Shugart Associates will soon introduce a new series of 5-inch floppy drives capable of storing 500 K bytes on a single side and 1 megabyte on two sides. They will be compatible with older drives.... IBM is quietly setting up a distributor organization to sell its computer peripherals.... The Massachusetts Department of Revenue recently held hearings on a new tax for off-the-shelf software, timesharing, and other dataprocessing services.... Apple Computer will soon begin production of the new Apple III in a new plant located in Ireland.

MAIL: I receive a large number of letters each month as a result of this column. If you write to me and wish a response, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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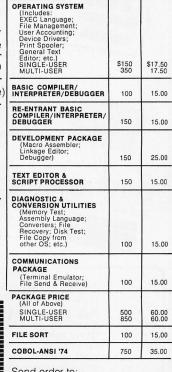
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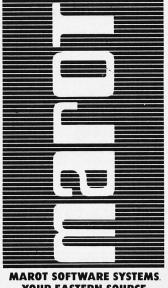
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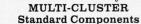
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## The User's Column

## BASIC, Computer Languages, and Computer Adventures

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It's a typical Sunday afternoon here at Chaos Manor. In one room a dozen kids are playing games on the Radio Shack TRS-80, while here in the office I've been playing about with the C programming language after adding a check-writer to my accounting programs. My wife, the only practical member of the family, gently reminds me of my deadlines: galley proofs of a new novel, King David's Spaceship (Simon and Schuster); two chapters of the latest Niven/Pournelle collaboration, Oath of Fealty (Simon and Schuster, Real Soon Now); plus three columns; a speech to a librarians' convention; and inputs for a NASA study on America's fifty-year space plan. Some business people worry about cash flow; for authors it's work flow—work comes in bunches, like bananas, and sometimes it seems everything has to be done at once.

So, since it's what we've been doing here lately, I'll talk about computer games and programming languages; a disparate set of topics, but not quite as unconnected as they might seem at first glance.

Languages

One of the biggest unsolved problems in the microcomputer field is languages: which ones are going to be standard? Everyone learns BASIC, of course, because it comes with the machine, and it's a very easy language to learn. Pretty soon, though, you come to the limits of the BASIC supplied with the computer; and then what?

A few years ago there wasn't a lot of choice. You could buy FORTRAN, and perhaps COBOL; you could learn assembler; but then you were stuck. Moreover, there didn't seem to be any obvious advantages to FORTRAN and COBOL, both of which were not only hard to learn, but also difficult to connect up with the computer. Most of the books on those languages were written with big mainframe machines in mind, and the documentation for the small-system versions was, to put it kindly, rather skimpy. Moreover, the user manuals were filled with mysterious references to "logical devices" and other such nonsense, while giving almost no clear examples of how to get programs running on a home computer.

The result was a great expansion of BASICs. What was once a simple teaching language, designed largely to let

new users become familiar with the way computers think, became studded with features. Every time you turned around there was a new BASIC interpreter, each one larger than the last, and almost none of them compatible with each other. Whatever portability BASIC had enjoyed vanished in a myriad of disk operations, functions, WHILE statements, new input formats, etc, etc, and, at the same time, the "free" memory left over after loading BASIC got so small that you couldn't handle much data.

The logical end of that process is Microsoft's newest BASIC-80. Understand, it's an excellent BASIC. It has features that, not long ago, the most advanced languages didn't have. It's well documented—at least the commands and functions, which are listed alphabetically, are clearly described. The general information section could be expanded with profit—at present it's written for users who are already more or less familiar with how BASIC operates. There are elaborate procedures for error trapping, and they all work. The editor has been improved. There are procedures (not very well documented) for linking in assembly-language subroutines. You can use long variable names, such as "Personal.data.1" and "Personal.data.2", and be certain the program will know they are different variables.

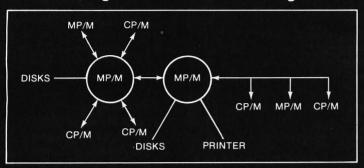
In other words, there's a lot going for it; but it takes up 24 K bytes of memory, and it's still BASIC. If you want to understand your program six weeks after you write it, you'll have to put in a lot of REMark statements, every one of which takes up memory space. As with all BASICs, you have to sweat blood to write well-structured code (and if you don't bother, that will come back to haunt you when you want to modify the program). And, like all BASICs, it is slow. Fairly simple sorts, even with efficient algorithms, take minutes; disk operations are tedious.

I suspect that Microsoft BASIC-80 is the end of the line; they have carried BASIC about as far as it can go. They've done it very well, but they've also reached the inherent limits of the language; and those limits may not be acceptable.

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There seem to be two fundamental paths. One is to start over: to relegate BASIC to its original function as a teaching language, and switch to some other language for serious programming. Many took this path, and came out with microcomputer versions of such languages as C, APL, ALGOL, LISP, FORTH, STOIC, and Pascal.

The other way is to compile BASIC. One of the first compiled BASICs, BASIC E, is in the public domain; I obtained a fairly decent version with (barely) adequate documentation from the CP/M User's Group several years ago. Then Software Systems brought out an improved BASIC E called CBASIC. It is easy to use and features really excellent documentation, some of the best I've ever seen. It has decent file structures; you are not limited to either sequential or random-access disk files, but may use sequential operations on random-access files.

There are irritants in CBASIC, particularly with regard to line-printer operations. CBASIC has only the PRINT and PRINT USING commands: there is no LPRINT. To get hard copy, you must execute a LINEPRINTER statement, then one or more PRINT statements, then do a CONSOLE statement to have the copy sent to the terminal. Every time you do the CONSOLE statement, the print buffer empties, and you can get unwanted stuff printed on your hard copy; worse, you can also get unwanted line feeds, making it tough to format hard copy (although CBASIC does allow you to output characters through a port so that, if you are clever enough, you can control the line printer directly; you could even make a CBASIC program drive a Diablo for reverse printing if you wanted to spend the time writing that program). Another needless limitation is that CBASIC allows a maximum carriage width of 133 characters, although a 12-character-per-inch printer can print lines 158 characters long.

Irritants or no, CBASIC is both well designed and well documented. It has WHILE; IF-THEN-ELSE (with chaining); long variable names; and logical operations (IF TAX > 0 AND PRICE < MAXIMUM.ACCEPTABLE THEN GOSUB 234 ELSE PRINT "NO GOOD" is a perfectly valid CBASIC expression). It has the CASE (Switch or ON-GOTO) statement.

And it saves memory by compiling. To use CBASIC, one creates a program with any editor that makes ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) files (Electric-Pencil-created programs have to be put through a converter), then turns the CBASIC compiler loose on it. What comes out isn't true compilation; the compiler strips out remarks and needless line numbers, and compacts the remainder into an INT (intermediate) file; when you want to run the program, you must load in a 10 K-byte run-time package. The INT file is still interpreted; it is not a machine-language program. You can, though, include scads of remarks, put each statement on

a separate line, leave lots of blank space, put in rows of asterisks, indent whole sections of the program, and thus vastly increase program readability without using up memory space. A CBASIC program can be written for legibility.

But it's still BASIC. Because a program can be reasonably well structured and self-documenting doesn't mean that it will be; BASIC makes it easy to write incomprehensible code and difficult not to. And CBASIC is very slow, no faster than Microsoft BASIC-80 and often slower.

There's another limit. It's very hard to write long programs in CBASIC. This problem is inherent in any compiled language—whether true compilation to machine code, or pseudocompiling to an INT file. For example, assume that I want to add a small feature to my accounting package (which I did in fact write in CBASIC two years ago). I load the source program into the text editor. I add the feature and hook it into the program; since I do sweat blood to write structured code, that's fairly easy. Now I must save the altered source and put it through the compiler. Since it's a long program, the compilation takes many minutes—and toward the end, I get a SYNTAX ERROR message. I've put a comma where it wants a semicolon.

Now I have to load the editor, read in the source, make the change, save, and recompile. Presuming that this time it goes without error, I may have used up half an hour just to change"," to ";"—and I still have no test of the program's logic. If I now test for logic and it's not right, well, I have to start all over again, hoping that this time I don't manage a new syntax error....

Thus, you can use up a whole afternoon adding something quite simple to a big program. There must be a better way. Why can't someone come up with a language that runs interpretively like normal BASIC, letting you correct both syntax and logic errors while in an interactive mode; and then allow you to compile the result? While we're at it, let's wish for the compiled program to be in true machine language, code that could be put into read-only memory, and, moreover, code that would be fast.

That's the route that Microsoft took. Their BASCOM compiler works just that way with their BASIC-80. It will also compile Microsoft BASIC 4.5, and, with considerable modifications to syntax, programs written in both CBASIC and BASIC E. Moreover, it's a very powerful compiler. It implements almost all the features of BASIC-80, including WHILE, IF-THEN-ELSE, CASE, logicals, and string operations, etc. It sounds like the answer to a prayer.

Of course there are problems. Random-access disk operations are unbelievably messy, and worse, a random-access file cannot be accessed sequentially. There's considerable overhead burden. For example, this program:

#### 10 PRINT "Hello" 20 END

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But let's assume much of this is fixed. Microsoft has a good reputation for responding to customer suggestions. As an example, at the West Coast Computer Faire I spoke to the Microsoft representatives about the lack of a FILES statement (a means of finding out the file names present on disk) in BASCOM; BASIC-80 supported FILES, but not the compiler. Two weeks later I received an updated version of BASCOM—and lo!—the FILES statement had been implemented, along with several features other users had suggested.

At the National Computer Conference, Microsoft representatives said they were "rethinking" their contract policy and would probably change it; that change may have been implemented by the time you read this. I have also mentioned to them the desirability of allowing sequential access to random files, and they've promised to look into that. It's not unreasonable to assume they'll tighten up the overhead-code problem. Thus, as I said, let's assume that the major problems of BASCOM are

fixed. What will we have?

First, the combination of BASIC-80 and BASCOM is superb for quick and dirty jobs and for those little special-purpose programs that aren't going to be run very often (possibly only once). For example, I recently wanted to reformat some financial data files. The program had to go open the file, read the data, make a couple of changes, and write the information out in a new format. The only problem was that I also wanted to sort the data before putting it back out, and this had to be done for a *lot* of files. Doing it with interpretive BASIC would take hours and hours; while writing even that simple a program in Z80 assembler would, at best, use up an afternoon, and might take a lot longer.

The solution was to write it in BASIC-80, test syntax and logic while in interpretive mode, and compile with BASCOM. That took an hour. In another hour, I had reformatted about one hundred files. BASCOM is fast, blindingly fast; sorts that take 3.5 minutes in CBASIC are done by BASCOM (using the same algorithm) in under

20 seconds.

In other words, the combination of BASIC-80 and BASCOM has a *lot* going for it. If I'd written this review a year ago, I'd have concluded that BASIC-80/BASCOM was what the world has been waiting for, and spent the rest of the review suggesting incremental improvements to make it even better.

Now I'm not so sure.

The problem is that when all the improvements are done; when all the bugs (if any; I've found none in the latest versions of BASCOM) are eliminated; when all the new features are added; when the code is tightened; when the disk operations are simplified—when all that's done, it's still BASIC.

And there are many who believe BASIC is a dead end; that the inherent limits to the language are just too severe for it ever to be acceptable; that incremental improvements actually harm rather than help the field, because they encourage newcomers to stick with BASIC instead of learning something better. My mad friend is convinced of that. So are a number of my associates.

"But," I protested to my mad friend, "I'm interested in using computers. I don't care about elegance. What I want is something that lets me get the jobs done quickly, and BASIC-80/BASCOM does that...."

"But at a stiff price. How many times have you had to start over with a program because it just wasn't worth the effort to improve one of those BASIC routines? BASIC doesn't let you build software tools. It's like Pidgin English—you can manage to buy dinner and sell copra with Pidgin, but you'll never write *Hamlet*. Or the Declaration of Independence, or even good laws...."

And the argument starts over and goes on until we get hungry, and, at the bottom line, it's all a matter of opinion; and since my space is limited, I'll drop it for the moment. Just now the bottom line is that BASIC-80 and BASCOM work, and, if you're willing to accept the inherent limits of BASIC, they're quite splendid; but those limits are severe.

Looking Elsewhere

What, then, are the microcomputer user's best alternatives to BASIC? Once again, let me be honest: these are opinions. They're opinions based on considerable user experience, but they're opinions still; and I have found that every known language has passionate supporters, so

I am bound to make someone unhappy.

The earliest alternatives to BASIC were FORTRAN and COBOL. These, in my judgment, are languages whose time has long passed. They have little to recommend them, because they have nearly all the limits of compiled BASIC without the advantage of letting you program in the interpretive mode before compiling. I've had both for years, and after an initial flurry of enthusiasm for FORTRAN (I never cared at all for COBOL, which may be all right for very large systems, but is plain crippled on microcomputers) they went on the shelf and haven't come off it. Neither FORTRAN nor COBOL lets you write structured code. True, FORTRAN with RAT-FOR (excellently described in Kernigan and Plauger's book Software Tools, Addison-Wesley, 1976) overcomes some of the limits; but to use RATFOR requires another compilation stage, so that it can take over an hour to find and correct a trivial error in a fairly simple program. The Software Tools approach to programming is excellent, and I strongly recommend the book; but in my judgment the deficiencies of FORTRAN with RATFOR are simply overwhelming, and I cannot recommend using them.

Then there's Pascal, which very well may be the wave of the future. Pascal began unfortunately: the first widespread implementation of Pascal for microcomputers was from the University of California, San Diego, and it just didn't work for most users. The hooks into the disk operating system were clumsy, and it was *very slow*.

Then came some other versions of Pascal, and they too had horrible problems; you had to be really sophisticated to use them. Bugs appeared, and, unless you knew an awful lot, you couldn't tell whether you'd made a program error or the compiler was at fault. Implementing early Pascals required a constant and fairly complex dialogue between user and publisher.

As a result, a lot of us lost interest in Pascal. The language looked great in theory, but if you couldn't run it, that hardly mattered.

There are now a lot of Pascals; Pascal for the Apple, Pascal for the TRS-80, Pascal for CP/M; Pascal that

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pseudocompiles to an INT file the way CBASIC does (Pascal users call the INT file "p-code"); Pascal that truly compiles into machine language for 8080, Z80, 8086, etc. All these look good, and people I respect tell me they run; but since I haven't implemented any of them yet, I can't report on them. I can say that Pascal has many enthusiasts, and might well be the standard language of the future. Then there's Ada, a Pascal-like language heavily supported by the DOD (Department of Defense), which will certainly be around for many years. If I were preparing for a secure career in programming, I'd learn Pascal instantly and keep very close tabs on the progress of Ada.

In the next couple of months, we're adding a Pascal expert to the staff here, and I'll devote a whole column to Pascal/Ada; for now, I must simply pass them over.

Pascal has enthusiasts. So does C, a programming language developed at Bell Telephone Laboratories. The best (and indeed nearly the only) manual on C is Kernighan and Ritchie's, The C Programming Language (Prentice-Hall, 1978). This is an excellently written book which anyone at all interested in the C language simply must read. It succeeds in communicating a lot of enthusiasm for C. There are lots of examples of real programs that work. Kernighan, incidentally, is the same Brian Kernighan who coauthored Software Tools.

C is nothing like BASIC. There are far fewer commands, for one thing. On the other hand, there are a number of conventions. For example, the BASIC statements:

FOR I = 0 TO N - 1NEXT I

would appear in C as:

for (i = 0; i < N; i++)

which looks complex, but is, with a bit of experience, quite readable. The i++ means that i is first to be tested against N, then incremented; the expression could have been written with ++i, which would require that i be incremented *before* the test against N.

Despite (perhaps because of) the numerous time-saving conventions such as ++i, C can be learned by a BASIC user in a couple of weeks. Real facility requires practice; more practice than BASIC, precisely because there are many fewer limits in C. Programming with elegance and style takes work—but in C such programs are possible, while BASIC simply won't let you write elegant code.

I have two C compilers for microcomputers. I'm told there's also an interactive tiny-c, which I have not seen running, but which is said to be a good teaching aid, although severely limited in capability. [Editor's note: See "A User's Look at Tiny-c," by Christopher O Kern, December 1979 BYTE, page 196....RSS]

Of my two C compilers, only one is suitable for those not already familiar with the C language. This is BDS C, available from Lifeboat Associates for \$125. BDS C comes with a copy of Kernighan and Ritchie's book and quite extensive documentation on the BDS (BD Software) implementation.

The BDS compiler uses two passes. One might at first think that a disadvantage because of the time required, but in fact it is not: the first pass is done *very* fast, and checks for trivial errors, such as missing semicolons, comments improperly delimited, unmatched parentheses and brackets (C *loves* brackets, braces, and parentheses), and the like. The second pass goes a bit slower but is still much faster than the CBASIC compiler.

Like BASCOM, compiled C code must be put through a linker, and like Microsoft's, the BDS documentation tells you precisely how to do this. When it's all finished, you have a CP/M command file; and the resulting code is very fast. I've not yet been able to benchmark BDS C against a similar BASCOM program, because when you translate from BASIC to C you actually restructure the program; but I have two Othello games, one in C and the other compiled by BASCOM, and they seem to run at about the same speed. The C program, however, is about 8 K bytes compiled; the BASIC program, performing the same searches and playing at the same level, compiled to over 20 K bytes. Other programs doing similar jobs also run in comparable times, and with about the same differences in program size.

Disk operations in BDS C are fairly simple if you understand CP/M, not so simple if you don't—and CP/M's documentation is so notoriously unclear that you'll have to work for a couple of days understanding CP/M before you can write decent disk I/O (input/output) operations for BDS C. It is worth sharpening up your understanding of CP/M, though, because BDS C lets you do *everything* CP/M will: get the names and sizes of files currently on disk, make backups, rename and delete, etc, and it's no more difficult to understand than the FIELD statements in Microsoft BASIC or the dreaded FORMAT statement in FORTRAN.

String operations in C are more difficult than in BASIC. Actually, they aren't; ie: it's possible to write, in C, all the string functions of BASIC (such as LEFT\$, etc), then call them as needed; and once you have written them, you can use them in any program that needs them —and leave them out if not wanted. And, in fact, that illustrates one of the fundamental differences between BASIC and C: the BASIC language provides a number of functions which you must have present whether you need them or not, and which must be used exactly the way BASIC wants them used. C, on the other hand, allows you to leave out functions you don't want, and rewrite those you keep to suit your precise requirements.

There is, however, one very severe limit to BDS C: it does not support floating-point data types. One can use floating-point variables, because BDS supplies a number of functions that can be called to do floating-point arithmetic; but the result is clumsy. If you want to learn the C language, and write games, calendar programs, and almost anything that doesn't involve crunching a lot of numbers, BDS C is highly recommended; however, it isn't suitable for writing an accounting or financial package.

The other C compiler for microcomputers is the Whitesmiths C Compiler, which is available from Lifeboat Associates for \$630. This is a full implementation of the standard C described by Kernighan and Ritchie, and is highly regarded by many professionals who work with large machines like DEC's (Digital Equipment Corporation) PDP-11. In fact, Whitesmiths C was written for large machines, and it is only an accident that it could be scaled down for microcomputers. The president of Whitesmiths Ltd is P J Plauger, a fellow science fiction writer, and more important, coauthor of *Software Tools*.

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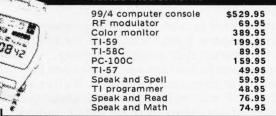
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Although the Whitesmiths Compiler is an excellent professional tool, I cannot recommend it to anyone who doesn't intend to program in C in a big way—and even then I'd recommend buying the BDS C compiler as well. Whitesmiths C compiles, eventually, to true machine code; but it does so by going through an intermediate assembly language called A-Natural. It's slow, and since there's no first pass to find trivial errors, the Whitesmiths compiler can grind away for half an hour before reporting a misplaced semicolon. It is certainly not what I'd choose to learn the language with—but I would get it if I were going to market programs written in C.

Ubiquitous Microsoft doesn't market a C compiler, but it does have a LISP interpreter. The Microsoft muLISP-79 is well done, if you like the LISP language. You may not care for the language, but those who like it like it a lot. LISP stands for list processing, and it makes creating

highly complex linked lists very easy.

LISP is, however, a peculiar language. It was written in the 1950s by Dr John McCarthy, now Director of the Stanford Artificial Intelligence Laboratories (SAIL), and it's extensively used at Stanford and MIT (where Mc-

Carthy wrote it).

LISP does bit-by-bit arithmetic, meaning that there is no theoretical limit to the precision you can obtain; if you want an exact numerical expansion of, say, 2 to the 55th power, or 87 factorial, you can get it from LISP, and with only about three lines of code for a program—and you'll get the answer faster than you think. LISP is one of the fastest languages I know of, often approaching assembly-

language programs in speed of operation.

LISP programs are very tight; it's almost impossible to write unstructured code in LISP. It's also very nearly impossible to understand a LISP program, even if you wrote it; at least that's been my experience. You can strain like a gearbox and produce code that runs, and which you understand just at that moment; but hours later it's gibberish. The only thing less comprehensible than a LISP program is one in APL-APL doesn't even use normal letters, but instead requires a special keyboard that can generate strangely bent arrows and other weird symbols. Both LISP and APL programmers delight in writing a whole page of instructions into one line (and you can do it, too, because both languages allow functions to call themselves). They also like to baffle fellow professionals by showing a line of code and challenging anyone to say what it does.

It's very hard to comment a LISP program—but that's all right, because it isn't traditional for LISP program-

mers to comment their programs anyway.

In other words, I am not a wild enthusiast for LISP as a "standard" microcomputer language. It's true that one or another LISP variant is used by just about everyone in the artificial intelligence field; for certain purposes there's nothing better. But for general-purpose programming, LISP and APL are, in my judgment, simply too obscure.

The Microsoft muLISP-79 was written by The Soft Warehouse in Hawaii; I got mine directly from the authors and haven't seen the Microsoft versions (for CP/M and the TRS-80), although they were supposed to be sent weeks ago. I am told that Microsoft has rewritten some of the documentation, which could only improve it. The problem with documenting LISP is that the language is fairly obscure; you need not only a user's manual, but an introduction to LISP itself, which is far more than the

muLISP-79 manual claims to be.

The best way to learn LISP is to attend Stanford or MIT and get tutorial instruction from someone already proficient. The next best way is to get access to the MIT Macsyma Consortium computer and run the TEACH-LISP programs. There are also a couple of MIT documents which are pretty good introductions. I wish I knew of a good commercial textbook, but I don't. If you want to learn LISP, you've no choice but to play about with it; since muLISP-79 is interactive, that's not so hard to do, and there are some decent examples in the documents suppied. If you like playing with powerful languages, muLISP-79 is recommended—but don't blame me if you don't use it very often after the first wave of enthusiasm.

Which concludes my overview of languages. I haven't mentioned STOIC and FORTH, because they're really a kind of assembler language using the programmer as a parser; they make programming a bit easier, but you've got to be into assembler work before you can use them,

and this is, after all, the User's Column.

**Drawing Conclusions** 

So what's the best language to learn? I don't know. I like C. I also like what I've seen of Pascal, assuming the current crop will really run on microcomputers. And despite my misgivings, I still find myself using BASIC-80/BASCOM, particularly for quick and dirty jobs.

It seems certain—to me at least—that Pascal is going to be around a long time, especially what with all that DOD support for the Ada variant. Now that there seem to be some decent Pascal compilers available for microcomputers, we're going to see a lot of software written in Pascal, and those who want to modify their software will

have to be familiar with the language.

But there may not be a real conflict between Pascal and C. Both are vastly different from BASIC; different in conception, in terminology, but more important, in the "philosophy" or style of programming employing them. Learning either will help break the BASIC nabit of sloppy program structure; and having done that, you'll have little trouble learning the other, or indeed any other well-structured language.

And that can't hurt users or programmers.

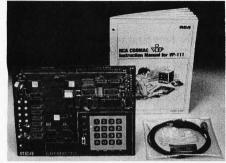
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That's no longer true. Nowadays you can buy computer games that are fun to play. For example, at both the West Coast Computer Faire and the National Computer Conference, the most popular exhibit was Atari's. Not that so many were wild about the Atari computers, or the educational games, or that sort of thing, but boy did they stand in line to play *Star Raiders*, a real-time game in which you are a pilot of an X-wing fighter, or perhaps it's a Colonial Viper, and you go zipping about through space destroying villains and saving civilizations....

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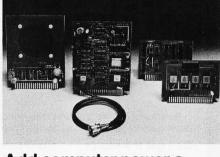
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You move about in *Adventure* by telling the computer where you want to go. The object of the game is to find treasures and bring them to the well house. On the way you encounter various obstacles and monsters, such as a large green snake, a dragon, and a ferocious bear chained to the wall. (The problem is that the bear's silver chain is a treasure.) You also find various objects: a rod, a birdcage, and other such things, some of which may be useful in solving puzzles that lead to treasure.

The game quickly became a cult object among programmers. Computer-installation supervisors estimated that when Adventure arrived, two weeks' work would be lost due to the staff bootlegging time to run the game. Various fixes were tried, including restricting the times at which Adventure could be accessed, but nothing really worked except letting the disease run its course; when all the programmers had solved the game, then and only then did they get back to work. Until then, they were driven to it as if hypnotized. To make it worse, it was customary not to tell anyone how to solve the game, although strange and misleading hints were allowed.

Adventure now exists for various microcomputers. The game itself is public domain (although programs to implement it are not), so there are many versions offered. I have one for 8-inch floppy-disk CP/M systems sold by Workman and Associates (POB 482, Pasadena CA 91102, \$23.95 postpaid) and another for the Radio Shack TRS-80 Level II (Model I) by Microsoft, \$24.95, and available from most dealers. Both run quite fast—faster, in fact, than the FORTRAN versions did on a DEC PDP-10. Both require 32 K bytes of memory and a single disk drive, and both are full implementations of the original Crowther and Woods Adventure, including the "Save" feature that allows you to store an incomplete game so that you don't have to start over every time.

The Workman version recognizes a number of commands that were not in the original *Adventure*, but the puzzles and their solutions remain unchanged.

In addition, both the Workman and the Microsoft versions store most of the game information on disk, and every time you give a command they have to go to the disk to get the response. There's no help for that, of course; the *Adventure* data base requires over 50 K bytes of ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) characters. Thus the disk gets a good workout. This presents no problem with the Workman and Associates CP/M version, because any good CP/M copy routine will allow you to make a backup; but the Microsoft TRS-80 *Adventure* has been carefully rigged to make backup copies nearly impossible. I say nearly; within

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either TRSDOS or Apparat's NEWDOS it is impossible, but since I have the Omikron CP/M Mapper installed on my TRS-80, I can make backups of anything, using a CP/M sector-by-sector copy routine.

(As an aside: I've been informed that both Parasitic Engineering and Field Engineering Consultants Ltd also make memory mappers that will allow you to run CP/M on the TRS-80 Model I. I've had no chance to test either of them. My Omikron Mapper continues to work flaw-

lessly, by the way.)

I often wonder about companies that deliberately try to keep you from copying software—especially when it's supposed to run on something as inherently flaky as a TRS-80 5-inch disk. Experienced users never run their primary source disks; making a backup is just common sense, even if you have excellent hardware like Percom or Matchless disk drives. (I've tested both on my TRS-80, and I'm quite happy with them.) Moreover, making it hard to copy a disk is often like waving a red flag at a bull—there are plenty of sophisticated users who will consider it a challenge, and, having with great effort found a way to make copies, will feel ethically justified in distributing them to all their friends.

In any event, the Workman and Microsoft Adventure implementations have provided many hours of trouble-free enjoyment, and I recommend them highly.

Just after the Adventure craze hit, there were rumors of another game, Zork, which is to Adventure as Adventure is to Wumpus. Zork was developed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology by "the Four Implementors": Tim Anderson, Marc Blank, Bruce Daniels, and David Lebling. The game was written in MDL (or "Muddle"), a LISP-like language, and featured an enormous underground dungeon, dozens of clever puzzles, and a highly intelligent command parser that understands much that Adventure finds incomprehensible. Although Zork never quite caught on the way Adventure did, it became widespread—and where it did appear, it cost more time than ever Adventure had, because it was both more difficult and more interesting.

Implementors Lebling and Blank have devised a microcomputer implementation of Zork in two parts. Zork: The Great Underground Empire, Part I is being sold for the Apple II and the TRS-80 on 5-inch floppy disk by Personal Software, 1330 Bordeaux Dr, Sunnyvale CA 94086, at a price of \$39.95. [Editor's note: Part II is still under development, but Part I alone constitutes a complete game that can be played through to a satisfactory ending....RSS] Like the Microsoft Adventure, Zork requires constant access to the disk but cannot be copied by normal means. I've been just a little afraid of running the primary disk, so I haven't checked out everything; besides, the kids are still mapping Adventure. I've played with this Zork enough to know that I like it (and I wasted incredible amounts of time playing the original Zork on a PDP-10).

Adventure and Zork became popular during the D&D (Dungeons and Dragons) craze—a madness which shows little sign of peaking out even yet. It was inevitable that other D&D games would come forth, and sure enough, Automated Simulations Inc (ASI), POB 4232, Mountain View CA 94040, has come out with a whole series, from the introductory Datestones to the full four-level dungeon in Temple of Aphsai. These games are sold in

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popular around here.

There are versions for TRS-80, PET, and Apple computers; the Apple versions make extensive use of Apple's excellent graphics, so that monsters like Ant-man and the Wolf look pretty good. Unfortunately, the TRS-80 doesn't have such nice graphics, and the characters and monsters look like blobs. Unlike Zork and Adventure, these games are played in real time, and, instead of a room description, the computer draws a map, placing monsters and treasures in it where appropriate. They're very playable games, guaranteed to waste more time than you really expected to put into them.

The real time wasters for me, though, have been Automated Simulation's space war games, Starfleet Orion (two players) and Invasion Orion (one player against the computer). These games allow a number of different scenarios; ten or so are supplied (along with a pleasantly written background and story data including characterizations), but the user can make up his own, so that in effect either of these games has an infinite number of variants. The rulebooks also give a number of standard warship types, but once again the user can design his own, from torpedo boats to dreadnoughts to armored planets. There are Tractor and Pressor beams, something much like a phaser, torpedoes and missiles, and quite a lot of the flavor of a space battle.

I'd like the single-player version somewhat better if it were faster; in my favorite scenario, Damocles, it can take several minutes for the computer to plan out its move, and worse, you can't just go away, because the battle results are presented dynamically and can't be recalled once shown.

The Orion games are quite realistic. Classical principles of fleet warfare work, and strategy and tactics are more important than luck. Since players can modify the ships at will, it's possible to tailor the games to a balance of power so that an experienced player (or the computer in the single-player version) doesn't routinely stomp a newcomer, and the game can be changed again as the

players gain experience.

All of the Automated Simulations games are implemented in BASIC. They can be copied, listed, and even modified. In theory, one ought to be able to compile Invasion Orion with Microsoft's TRS-80 version of BASCOM and thus speed it up. Obviously, you will have to modify the games a bit; in particular, you will have to lengthen the loops that govern how long displays stay visible. I'm anxious to try this, but so far the TRS-80 BASCOM hasn't arrived, so I can't say for certain that it will work.

Needless to say, I enjoy all the Automated Simulations games, and recommend them highly. And, needless to say, I enjoy the C language and BASIC-80, etc. So what does it all mean? Well, it means that I have to get the kids away from the TRS-80 and have some computer fun of my own, here at Chaos Manor.

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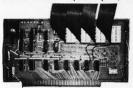
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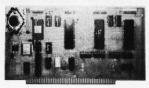
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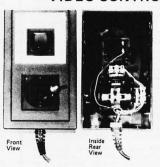
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These days, the introduction of a new pocket calculator is usually greeted with a yawn. This is because calculators have become so commonplace. So what's all the excitement over the Hewlett-Packard HP-41C? The answer is that the HP-41C has novel features that place it a cut above all other calculators and blur the distinction between calculators and personal computers. Hewlett-Packard, not usually given to wild claims, ventures to suggest in the HP-41C Owner's Handbook and Programming Guide that the calculator "can even be called a personal computing system." What are the features that separate the HP-41C from the pack?

- twelve-character, true alphanumeric display
- expandable, nonvolatile memory
- plug-in peripherals: magnetic card reader, printer, read-only memory application packs, and a bar-code reader

These, plus a host of convenience features, make this calculator the most versatile machine ever.

Display and Keyboard

Perhaps at some time you have marveled at the ingenuity of the person who discovered that, if you hold your calculator upside down after entering 710.77345, it will read "SHELL OIL". Well, you don't need to resort to tricks like that on the HP-41C, because the usual red seven-segment light-emitting diodes (LEDs) are gone. They are replaced by a large, high-resolution black-on-white liquid-crystal display (LCD) capable of displaying all twenty-six uppercase alphabetic characters, ten numerals, and twenty-three other characters (see photo 1). In addition, the display contains eleven "status annun-

The HP-41C has an array of features that blurs the distinction between calculators and personal computers.

ciators," which inform you of various calculator modes currently active. For example, if you select radian measure instead of degrees for trigonometric functions, "RAD" appears at the bottom of the display. There is even a SHIFT annunciator that indicates when the shift key has been depressed.

The keyboard is HP's usual very high-quality, thirty-five-key, tactile-feedback keyboard, augmented by four push-on-push-off mode-selection switches. With fifty-nine displayable characters and 130 built-in functions, it should be apparent that the thirty-nine keys have several duties. In fact, each key is etched with three labels: its standard (unshifted) function, its shifted function (above the key), and its alpha-mode function (on the bottom sloping side of the key). Alpha-mode characters are enabled as long as the alpha-mode switch is set. The more unusual alpha-mode characters (such as " $\Sigma$ ," "%," " $\neq$ ," " $\sharp$ ," etc) are selected by using the shift key in alpha mode. To keep the keyboard reasonably uncluttered, this set of special characters is not etched on the keys but appears in a pictorial layout on the back of the calculator.

Even with each key potentially performing quadruple duty, there are simply not enough keys for all the functions. To employ one of the more esoteric functions, you depress the execute (XEQ) button and spell the name of the desired function. For example, to compute 12! (12 fac-

torial), you would key in:

#### 1 2 XEQ ALPHA F A C T ALPHA

If you happen to be heavily involved in statistics, you may find this a nuisance because FACT (the factorial function) will be frequently needed. This is where the "programmable keyboard" feature of the HP-41C comes in handy. You can assign or reassign any function to any key you like by using the ASN function. For example:

#### ASN ALPHA F A C T ALPHA TAN

assigns the FACT function to the button normally used to activate the tangent function. A push-on-push-off USER mode switch determines whether user-defined or standard meanings are currently associated with the keys. If you forget what function you have assigned to a key, you can find out by simply holding down the key. For our example, holding down the TAN button will show "FACT" on the display while in user mode and "TAN" while in normal mode.

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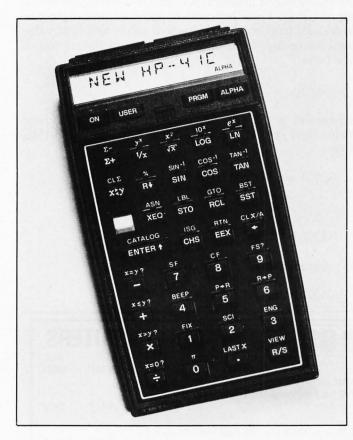


Photo 1: The Hewlett-Packard HP-41C calculator. Each key on the HP-41C has up to three labels associated with it: the label etched into the top face of the key, the label visible directly above the key, and a letter of the alphabet (enabled by toggling the ALPHA button) etched into the bottom face of the key. Additional functions are called by hitting the XEQ button and spelling out the function name. (Photo courtesy of Hewlett-Packard.)

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The HP-41C has continuous memory, which means that the contents of memory are preserved even when the calculator is turned off. You can even replace the batteries without destroying the contents of memory. The HP-41C's size-N throw-away batteries typically last 1 or 2 months, instead of the 9 to 12 months claimed in the documentation. A BAT annunciator warns you when you have only about 2 weeks' worth of life left in the batteries. The HP-41C can also be run using an AC adapter.

Not only are user programs saved in continuous memory, but so is virtually everything relating to the calculator: data, flags, user-key assignments, registers, and display formats. You can even set a flag so that, when you turn on the calculator, it immediately continues executing a program from where it left off when shut down!

The standard calculator contains sixty-three registers of memory. Each register is 7 bytes long and can be used to store one number, up to six characters, or several program steps. The total memory space can be partitioned into any combination of program and data storage, or it can be left at the default partition of seventeen data registers and forty-six program registers. The instruction set contains eighty-six 1-byte instructions, thirty-one 2-byte instructions, three 3-byte instructions, and one 4-byte instruction. Instructions with alphanumeric operands such as LABEL, GOTO, etc, use 1 extra byte per character. In a typical mix of instructions, the HP-41C can store about 200 lines of program code in the default forty-six registers of program space. An HP-41C containing four optional expansion-memory modules contains over 2.1 K bytes of continuous memory, capable of storing an average of over 1300 program steps.

Programming

Programming is easier on the HP-41C than on any other calculator. You need not be concerned with ad-

dresses or instruction lengths; instead, programs are entered on automatically numbered lines, as is done on many microcomputer text editors. Lines may be freely inserted or deleted anywhere, with automatic renumbering of subsequent lines. Alphabetic labels of up to seven characters can be used for tagging the destination of branches or for program, subroutine, and function names. Also, any number of programs may be resident in memory, each uniquely indentified by an alphabetic name. Programs can be selectively edited, deleted, or entered without affecting other programs.

Best of all, the key codes displayed by other calculators are gone, and are replaced by mnemonic instruction displays. For example, if you examine an instruction for storing a number into register 15 on the Texas Instruments TI-59, it is displayed on three separate lines as "42", "01", "05", where "42" is the TI-59's key code for the STO key. On the HP-41C, however, the same operation is displayed on a single line as "STO 15". This improvement is analogous to stepping up to assembly-language programming from machine-language, an advantage that really speeds up program development and checkout.

Two powerful loop-control instructions have been added to the function repertoire of the HP-41C: increment and skip if greater (ISG), and decrement and skip if equal (DSE). These instructions allow a single register to serve as a loop counter, increment value, and final value simultaneously, by coding the number in the register in the form:

iiiii.fffcc

where *iiiii* is the current counter value, *fff* is the final value, and *cc* is the increment. For example, the BASIC loop:

FOR I = 1 TO 50 STEP 2

. NEXT I

is programmed on the HP-41C as:

1.05002 iiiii = 1, fff = 050, cc = 2



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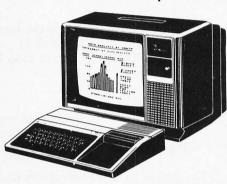


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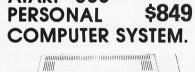
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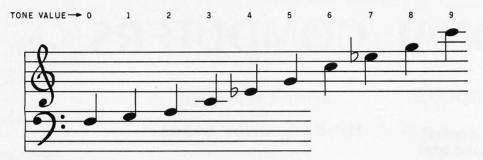


Figure 1: Musical notes on the HP-41C. The TONE function on the HP-41C produces one of ten musical notes that roughly correspond to the notes presented in this figure.

STO 01 Store the loop-control number in

register 01

LBL "TOPLOOP" Top of loop label

ISG 01 Increment register 01 by 2, skip next line if greater than 50

GTO "TOPLOOP" Otherwise, repeat this loop

The integer part (iiiii) of register 01 is incremented by 2 in each pass until 51 is reached; the GTO is then skipped and the loop is exited at the bottom.

A full complement of indirect operations (including indirect subroutine calls) and register arithmetic are supported. Subroutines may be nested up to 6 levels deep. Ten different compare operations are available, including a test for character string equality. Fifty-five flags are provided, some of which are predefined for controlling calculator functions such as display format, mode of operation, etc.

There are eleven user-defined flags, five of which have built-in status annunciators on the display. I found the flags with annunciators useful for monitoring program execution during debugging. Since running programs have complete control over the display format, it is easy to display several labeled numeric values on the display at the same time. User-defined prompts for data entry are also easily programmed. In fact, an executing program can even turn the calculator off.

#### **Error Detection**

When a running program encounters an error condition, the calculator displays an English error message. Dividing by 0, for instance, produces the diagnostic "OUT OF RANGE". If you depress the PROG key, the display will show the exact line number and instruction that caused the error. If desired, a flag can be set to ignore errors, or errors can be detected under program control for user-specified recovery.

Besides flags for various error conditions, there are flags that detect whether the data entered is numeric or alphabetic in nature. Since these flags are set only if data is entered, they can be used in conjunction with the PAUSE function to poll the keyboard during program execution to see if a key has been depressed. The PAUSE instruction activates the keyboard for about 1 second, after which normal execution resumes. The data entry flags can be tested to see if any keys were depressed during a pause; if so, the corresponding key indentifications, which are stored in the display register, are available to the program. This feature facilitates the programming of games with real-time user responses.

#### Let the Music Play

The calculator can produce ten different audible tones under keyboard or program control. I found the volume level of the tones a little too low for my taste; it is barely audible in a noisy office. After successfully programming "Mary Had a Little Lamb," I decided to tabulate which musical notes are actually provided; the results are presented in figure 1. Those with perfect pitch may find the error in the frequencies of the notes a little annoying, but the tones are close enough to produce recognizable music.

#### Documentation

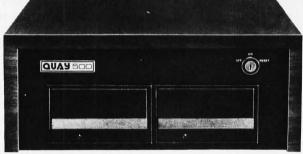
One of life's little pleasures is reading Hewlett-Packard documentation, which is among the best in the industry. It took me three evenings to finish the entire 268-page HP-41C Owner's Handbook, working each example program as I read. For me, the manual struck just the right balance between simplicity and comprehensiveness. My only complaint is that the text does not always make clear which functions are available on the keyboard and which must be spelled out. For instance, I spent several minutes fruitlessly searching for the multiple-line-delete (DEL) function shown in the example on page 138 as a key, only to conclude that it must be accessed by depressing:

#### **XEO ALPHA ALPHA**

A second manual, HP-41C Standard Applications Handbook, gives ten sample programs ranging from hexadecimal conversions to a blackjack game. These programs detail a wealth of programming techniques including random-number generation, character-string concatenation and substring extraction, display formatting, table lookup, etc. In addition, a year's free membership to Keynotes, the HP calculator newsletter, is included with your purchase.

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Photo 2: The HP-41C and accessories. Clockwise from top are: the 82143A peripheral printer, a key overlay (for use when redefining key functions), the HP-41C with the 82104A plug-in card reader, two magnetic cards, and three read-only-memory application packs. In the center is the 82153A bar-code wand, which is used to read software printed in the form of bar codes. (Photo courtesy of Hewlett-Packard.)

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Expansion

One of the most exciting aspects of the HP-41C is the array of available peripheral devices, including:

- a twenty-four-column thermal printer
- an attachable magnetic card reader/writer
- application packs in read-only memory
- continuous-memory expansion modules
- bar-code program reader

Several of these accessories are shown in photo 2.

The 82143A battery-powered thermal printer produces 127 characters, including all uppercase and lowercase letters, in either single width (twenty-four characters per line) or double width (twelve characters per line). (See photo 3 for an example of printer output.) In addition, user-defined characters may be defined within a 7 by 7 dot matrix. Simple printer-plots are supported. The printer can also be used to trace program execution during debugging.

The 82104A magnetic card reader is similar to the built-in unit on the HP-67 and HP-97 and is compatible with cards produced on these machines. Up to sixteen registers can be stored on each side of a card; the calculator prompts you to enter as many cards as needed. Programs, data flags, and even key reassignments can also be saved on the cards. For the security-minded, programs can be designated as *execute-only*, in which case an attempt to display or alter the program will result in the display of the message, "PRIVATE."

Plug-in application packs (useful routines stored in read-only memory modules) are available in disciplines such as aviation, medicine, surveying, finance, stress analysis, etc. Programs in these applications modules can be copied into continuous memory, if desired, for customizing by the user.

customizing by the user.

For large programs, from one to four 82106A continuous memory modules may be plugged in to extend the built-in memory from the standard 63 to a maximum of 319 registers, in 64-register increments. The extended memory can be partitioned between program and data storage and is continuous, just like the memory supplied with the standard HP-41C.

An accessory just recently made available is a wand that is used to read bar-codes similar to the kind found on most grocery products. This will enable users to load programs directly from HP-41C Solution Books to be published by Hewlett-Packard, which will use bar-code listings of programs to supplement the usual step-by-step keystroke listings. An HP-41C user with a bar-code wand will be able to enter these programs by running the wand across the bar-code listing, eliminating the tedium and error associated with manually entering a program.

#### The Great Calculator Race

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standard magnetic card reader and larger standard memory (960 bytes, as opposed to 441 bytes on a standard HP-41C). (Price information for the Hewlett-Packard machine is given at the end of this article.) Of course, it doesn't have an alphanumeric display or continuous memory; still, it is an attractive alternative to the HP-41C.

I decided to run a small benchmark test to compare speed and memory usage on both machines. Conducting proper benchmark tests is an involved and time-consuming process. Instead, I settled for one representative test that should be adequate for at least rough comparison. I programmed both the HP-41C and the TI-59 to compute the present value of a bond with "periodic coupons," as given by the formula:

$$P = I \sum_{J=1}^{N} (1+Y)^{-J} + M(1+Y)^{-N}$$

where:

P = present value
 I = coupon value
 N = number of periods
 M = maturity value

Y = yield rate, in percent

I picked this example because it requires a mix of arithmetic, looping, and register operations; I intuitively felt that this mixture is representative of the operations performed in many of the problems suitable for pocket



calculators. I programmed both calculators in the same manner, deliberately trying to avoid "trick" programming but taking advantage of each machine's strengths where possible (such as short-form addressing on the TI-59 and stack manipulation on the HP-41C).

The programs for the HP-41C and the TI-59 are in listings 1 and 2, respectively. Although I expected the HP-41C to run slower since it uses ultra-low-power technology, both calculators took about the same amount of time to execute the benchmark. The HP-41C program uses less memory space, but of course it has only about half as much memory available in its standard configuration.

Listing 1: HP-41C benchmark program to calculate the present value of a bond with "periodic coupons." This problem, described in the text, was used as a benchmark program against the Texas Instruments TI-59 because it uses both arithmetic calculations and program looping. The TI-59 benchmark program is given in listing 2, and the results of the comparison are given in table 1.

HP-41C program steps often consist of multiple keystrokes; each step is shown in this listing as it appears in the calculator's display after entry, with one exception: characters entered in alphabetic mode on the calculator are shown here enclosed in quotes. On the calculator's display the quotes do not appear, but the characters are preceded by a superscript "T".

## REGISTERS

R<sub>1</sub> M, maturity value
 R<sub>2</sub> N, number of periods and J, loop index
 R<sub>3</sub> I, coupon value
 R<sub>4</sub> l + Y, where Y is yield rate as decimal fraction

## LINE PROGRAM STEP COMMENTS

| 01<br>02<br>03<br>04<br>05<br>06<br>07<br>08 | STO 01<br>STOP<br>STO 02<br>STOP<br>STO 03 | Set dollars and cents format<br>SAVE M in 01<br>Input N<br>Save N in reg 02<br>Input I<br>Save I in reg 03<br>Input Y                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 13                                           |                                            | Save (1 + Y) in reg 04                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 27                                           | GTO 01                                     | Until $J = 0$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 28                                           | RCL 03                                     | Then recall I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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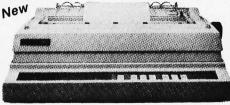


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Listing 2: Texas Instruments TI-59 benchmark program to calculate the present value of a bond with "periodic coupons." The results of the comparison with the HP-41C are given in table 1.

| RCL |                 |
|-----|-----------------|
| 6   | Plus first term |
| =   | Result is P     |
| R/S |                 |
|     |                 |
|     | 6 =             |

## REGISTERS

| R,      | M, maturity value        |
|---------|--------------------------|
| R,      | N, number of periods,    |
| _       | and J, loop index        |
| $R_{3}$ | I, coupon value          |
| R.      | 1 + Y, where Y is yield  |
|         | rate as decimal fraction |
| R,      | scratch register for     |
|         | summation                |

| DISPLAY<br>LINE CODE                                                                   | KEY<br>ENTRY                                | COMMENTS                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 000 76<br>001 11<br>002 58<br>003 02                                                   | LBL<br>A<br>FIX<br>2                        | Set dollars and cents format     |
| 004 42<br>005 01<br>006 91<br>007 42                                                   | STO<br>1<br>R/S<br>STO                      | Save M in reg 01<br>Input N      |
| 008 02<br>009 91<br>010 42                                                             | 2<br>R/S<br>STO                             | Save N in reg 02<br>Input I      |
| 011 03<br>012 91                                                                       | 3<br>R/S                                    | Save I in reg 03<br>Input Y      |
| 013 55<br>014 01<br>015 00<br>016 00<br>017 85<br>018 01<br>019 95<br>020 42           | /<br>1<br>0<br>0<br>+<br>1<br>=<br>STO      | Convert to decimal fraction      |
| 021 04<br>022 45<br>023 43<br>024 02<br>025 94<br>026 65<br>027 43<br>028 01<br>029 95 | 4<br>Y*<br>RCL<br>2<br>+/-<br>×<br>RCL<br>1 | Save (1 + Y) in reg 04 (1 + Y)-* |
| 030 42<br>031 05<br>032 25<br>033 42<br>034 06                                         | STO<br>5<br>CLR<br>STO<br>6                 | Save M*(1 + Y)-N                 |
| 035 76<br>036 44<br>037 43<br>038 04<br>039 45<br>040 43<br>041 02                     | LBL<br>SUM<br>RCL<br>4<br>Y*<br>RCL<br>2    | Top of summation loop            |
| 042 94<br>043 95                                                                       | +/-                                         | -1 (1 + Y)-'                     |
| 044 44<br>045 06<br>046 97                                                             | SUM<br>6<br>DSZ                             | New summation $J = J - 1$        |
| 047 02<br>048 44                                                                       | 2<br>SUM                                    | Until $J = 0$                    |
| 049 43<br>050 03<br>051 49                                                             | RCL<br>3<br>PRD                             | Then recall I                    |
| 052 06<br>053 43                                                                       | 6<br>RCL                                    | Times summation                  |
| 054 05<br>055 85                                                                       | 5<br>+                                      | 2nd term                         |

A subjective conclusion I drew after programming both calculators is that the HP-41C is much easier to program and debug because of its line-oriented, mnemonic display. The results of this comparison are given in table

Sample Program: Codebreaker

Because I am a games enthusiast, I decided to write a game program as an example of an HP-41C program. I programmed a variation of the popular "codebreaker" type games, where the calculator generates a random code and the player attempts to guess the code. The flowchart for this program is given in figure 2.

To begin, the player first decides on the number of digits for the code, from three to five digits. Assume that a three-digit game is chosen. The calculator will then secretly pick a three-digit number with no two digits the same. The user then enters a three-digit guess.

After evaluating the guess, the calculator displays the number of digits that are exactly right and the number of digits that exist in the true code but are not in the proper position. For example, if the secret code is 108 and 802 is the guess, the display will show:

802 RT:1 MP:1

indicating one entirely right (RT) digit (the 0) and one misplaced (MP) digit (the 8).

The user continues guessing until the correct answer is Text continued on page 258

|                                                                                                                                                                                                       | TI-59                                                   | HP-41C                                                           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Number of data registers used<br>Program size (as displayed)<br>Program size (internal representation<br>Total memory used/total memory<br>Percentage of total memory used<br>Execution time, seconds | 5<br>59 lines<br>on) 59 steps<br>99/960 6<br>10.3<br>43 | 4<br>31 lines<br>41 bytes<br>9/441 (69/2233)<br>15.6 (3.0)<br>37 |
| Benchmark equation pro                                                                                                                                                                                | grammed:                                                |                                                                  |
| $P = I \stackrel{N}{\sim} (1 + V)^{-J}$                                                                                                                                                               | 1 A4/1 1 VI                                             | - N                                                              |

$$P = I \sum_{J=1}^{N} (1 + Y)^{-J} + M(1 + Y)^{-N}$$

Data used:

M = 20,000, N = 50, I = 1400, Y = 8%

Answer: P = 17,533.30

Table 1: Results of the HP-41C/TI-59 benchmark. The programs of listings 1 and 2 are the basis of the data given above. The difference between the two program-size figures for the HP-41C is due to the fact that it combines several program steps into an assembly-language-like instruction when displaying it. The figures in parentheses refer to the HP-41C filled with its maximum amount of memory; the figures just before them refer to the HP-41C as purchased.

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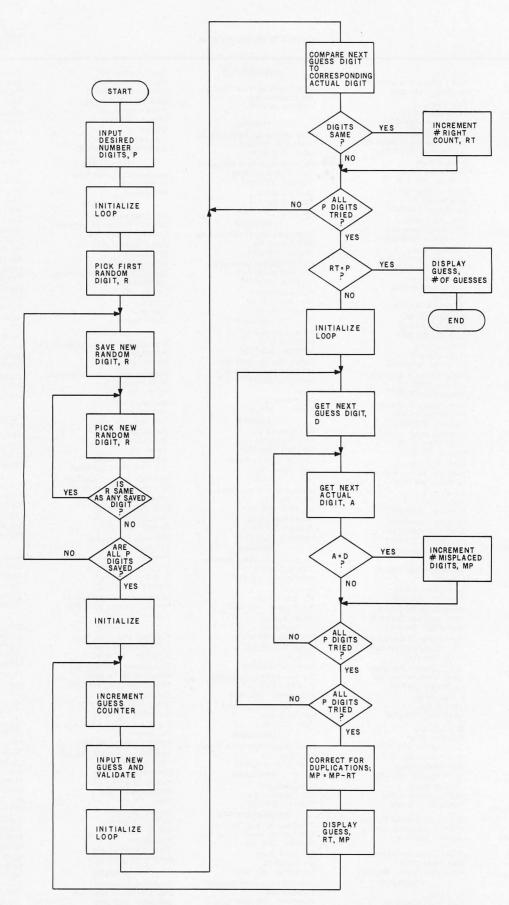


Figure 2: Flowchart for the HP-41C Codebreaker game. Listing 3 gives the HP-41C keystrokes for the equivalent program.

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obtained; the number of guesses made is then displayed and the game is over. Since the game displays results from only the most recent guess, pencil and paper are good accessories for keeping track of previous guesses and results.

**Examining the Program** 

Several interesting capabilities of the HP-41C are explored in this program (see listing 3). Line 02 places a text string into the alphanumeric display register, which holds from zero to twenty-four characters. Line 03 causes the register's prompting message to be displayed and halts for user input. Lines 04 thru 11 validate the user input and save the desired number of digits, P, in register 00.

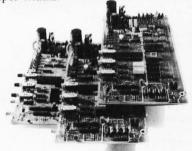
Lines 12 and 13 initialize the display format as integer only with no decimal point displayed. Lines 14 thru 16 tell the player how many random digits will be picked. Line 17 is a call to subroutine RDIG, which returns a random digit, 0 to 9; I used the random-number generator described in the HP-41C Standard Applications Handbook.

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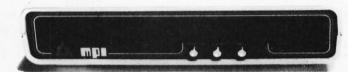


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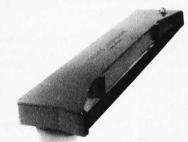
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**Listing 3:** HP-41C Codebreaker game program. This program chooses a random 3- to 5-digit number with nonrepeating digits and gives the player clues about the code, based on the player's guesses. This listing uses the same conventions as listing 1.

|                                                                                                                              | REGISTERS                               |                                                                          | EO         | STO 06           | Save guess in format 0 44444                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                              | NEGISTERS                               |                                                                          | 52<br>53   | STO 06<br>0      | Save guess in format 0.ddddd                        |
| R                                                                                                                            | Number of digits (                      | (positions) to play, P, 3 ≤ P ≤ 5                                        | 54         | STO 09           | Initialize count of "right" digits                  |
|                                                                                                                              | , First digit of actua                  |                                                                          | 55         | STO 10           | Initialize count of "misplaced" digits              |
|                                                                                                                              | 2 Second digit of ac                    |                                                                          | 56         | 1                |                                                     |
|                                                                                                                              | Third digit of actu                     |                                                                          | 57         | ST + 12          | Increment guess counter                             |
|                                                                                                                              |                                         | git of actual code number                                                | 58<br>59   | RCL 00           | D                                                   |
| R <sub>s</sub> Optional fifth digit of actual code number<br>R <sub>s</sub> Current user guess, normalized to 0.ddddd format |                                         |                                                                          |            | STO 07<br>LBL 05 | Р                                                   |
|                                                                                                                              | , Scratch for loop o                    |                                                                          | 60<br>61   | RCL IND 07       | Actual code digit                                   |
|                                                                                                                              |                                         | ct register access, loop control                                         | 62         | XEQ "GDIG"       | Get digit from user's guess                         |
| R                                                                                                                            | Number of exactly                       | right (RT) digits in current user guess                                  | 63         | X ≠ Y?           | Compare corresponding actual digit                  |
| R                                                                                                                            | 10 Number of misple                     | aced (MP) digits in current user guess                                   | 64         | GTO 06           |                                                     |
|                                                                                                                              | , Seed for random                       |                                                                          | 65         | l<br>Cm          | *                                                   |
| R                                                                                                                            | 12 Count of number                      | of guesses made by user                                                  | 66         | ST + 09          | If match, increment right count                     |
|                                                                                                                              |                                         |                                                                          | 67<br>68   | LBL 06<br>DSE 07 | Repeat for all P digits                             |
| LINE                                                                                                                         | PROGRAM STEP                            | COMMENTS                                                                 | 69         | GTO 05           | Repeat for all 1 digits                             |
| 21112                                                                                                                        | 111001111111111111111111111111111111111 | COMMENTS                                                                 | 70         | RCL 09           |                                                     |
| 01                                                                                                                           | LBL "MM"                                | Program name                                                             | 71         | RCL 00           |                                                     |
| 02                                                                                                                           | "NO. DIGITS?"                           |                                                                          | 72         | X = Y?           | If number right $= P$                               |
| 03                                                                                                                           | PROMPT                                  | Prompt user to enter no. of digits, 3 to 5                               | 73         | GTO 14           | exit, game over                                     |
| 04                                                                                                                           | STO 00                                  | Save P places requested                                                  | 74         | STO 07           | Else set up for "misplaced" counting                |
| 05                                                                                                                           | 3                                       |                                                                          | 75         | LBL 07           | 요그 이렇게 하면 가쁜 요즘 왕인 회사에 있었다.                         |
| 06                                                                                                                           | X>Y?                                    | ***                                                                      | 76         | RCL 00           | P                                                   |
| 07                                                                                                                           | GTO "MM"                                | If less than 3 places, re-prompt                                         | 77         | STO 08           | Set up inner loop count                             |
| 08<br>09                                                                                                                     | RDN<br>5                                |                                                                          | 78<br>79   | XEQ "GDIG"       | Get digit from user guess                           |
| 10                                                                                                                           | X < Y?                                  |                                                                          | 80         | ENTER/<br>LBL 08 |                                                     |
| 11                                                                                                                           | GTO "MM"                                | If P greater than 5, re-prompt                                           | 81         | RDN              | Recall guess digit                                  |
| 12                                                                                                                           | FIX O                                   | Show no fractional part in display                                       | 82         | RCL IND 08       | Digit from actual number                            |
| 13                                                                                                                           | CF 29                                   | Suppress display of decimal point                                        | 83         | X ≠ Y?           |                                                     |
| 14                                                                                                                           | "IM PICKING"                            |                                                                          | 84         | GTO 09           |                                                     |
| 15                                                                                                                           | ARCL 00                                 |                                                                          | 85         | 1                |                                                     |
| 16                                                                                                                           | AVIEW                                   | Tell user how many random digits                                         | 86         | ST + 10          | If same, increment "misplaced" count                |
| 17                                                                                                                           | XEQ "RDIG"                              | Get first random digit, 0 to 9                                           | 87         | LBL 09           |                                                     |
| 18                                                                                                                           | RCL 00                                  | Recall no. of places, P, 3 to 5                                          | 88         | DSE 08           | Repeat for P positions, inner loop                  |
| 19<br>20                                                                                                                     | 1000                                    |                                                                          | 89<br>90   | GTO 08<br>DSE 07 | Repeat for P positions, outer loop                  |
| 21                                                                                                                           | 1                                       |                                                                          | 91         | GTO 07           | Repeat for F positions, outer toop                  |
| 22                                                                                                                           | +                                       |                                                                          | 92         | RCL 09           |                                                     |
| 23                                                                                                                           | STO 07                                  | Set up loop control in form 1.00P                                        | 93         | ST - 10          | Correct "misplaced" count is (MP-RT)                |
| 24                                                                                                                           | LBL 01                                  |                                                                          | 94         | XEQ "SHOG"       | Show guess in display                               |
| 25                                                                                                                           | RDN                                     |                                                                          | 95         | "⊢ RT:"          |                                                     |
| 26                                                                                                                           | STO IND 07                              | Store new digit in array                                                 | 96         | ARCL 09          | Show no. of digits exactly right, RT                |
| 27                                                                                                                           | LBL 02                                  |                                                                          | 97         | " - MP:"         | *                                                   |
| 28<br>29                                                                                                                     | XEQ "RDIG"<br>RCL 07                    | Get candidate random digit, 0 to 9                                       | 98         | ARCL 10          | Also show number "misplaced," MP                    |
| 30                                                                                                                           | INT                                     |                                                                          | 99<br>100  | GTO 04<br>LBL 14 | Go get new guess                                    |
| 31                                                                                                                           | STO 08                                  | Last position filled                                                     | 100        | XEQ "SHOG"       | Come here on end-of-game only<br>Show correct guess |
| 32                                                                                                                           | LBL 03                                  | F 5000000 00000                                                          | 102        | "F."             | Show correct guess                                  |
| 33                                                                                                                           | RDN                                     | Recall candidate                                                         | 103        | ARCL 12          | Show count of guesses used                          |
| 34                                                                                                                           | RCL IND 08                              | Recall existing digit                                                    | 104        | " - TRIES"       |                                                     |
| 35                                                                                                                           | X = Y?                                  | If candidate is same as existing digit                                   | 105        | AVIEW            |                                                     |
| 36                                                                                                                           | GTO 02                                  | then go get a different random digit                                     | 106        | BEEP             | Ring the bell to celebrate                          |
| 37<br>38                                                                                                                     | DSE 08<br>GTO 03                        | Else check next existing digit                                           | 107        | RTN              | End program.                                        |
| 39                                                                                                                           | ISG 07                                  | until all existing digits checked Then fill next position with candidate | 108        | LBL "SHOG"       | Subroutine to display guess                         |
| 40                                                                                                                           | GTO 01                                  | until all P positions filled                                             | 109        | RCL 00           | Recall P                                            |
| 41                                                                                                                           | 0                                       | - P-Silvino                                                              | 110<br>111 | STO 08<br>CLA    | Number of digits to display                         |
| 42                                                                                                                           | STO 12                                  | Initialize count of guesses made                                         |            | RCL 06           | Recall normalized guess, 0.ddddd                    |
| 43                                                                                                                           | "GUESS?"                                |                                                                          | 113        | LBL 12           | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,             |
| 44                                                                                                                           | LBL 04                                  |                                                                          | 114        | 10               |                                                     |
| 45                                                                                                                           | PROMPT                                  | Get P-digit user guess                                                   | 115        | *                | Shift out next digit                                |
| 46                                                                                                                           | 10<br>DCI 00                            |                                                                          |            | ENTER /          | Save on stack                                       |
| 47                                                                                                                           | RCL 00                                  | 10 <sup>P</sup>                                                          | 117        | INT              | Discard fraction                                    |
| 48<br>49                                                                                                                     | $Y \times X$<br>X < = Y?                | If guess greater than P digits                                           | 118        | 10<br>MOD        | Get units place only, 0 to 9                        |
| 50                                                                                                                           | GTO 04                                  | then go get legal guess                                                  | 120        | ARCL X           | Display digit                                       |
| 51                                                                                                                           | /                                       | Else normalize valid guess                                               | 120        |                  | Listing 3 continued on page 262                     |
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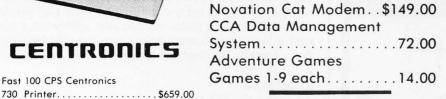


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| 121<br>122 | RDN<br>DSE 08     | Recall shifted guess<br>Repeat till all P digits displayed   |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 123        | GTO 12            | Repeat till all F digits displayed                           |
| 124        | RTN               | Return from subroutine                                       |
| 125        | LBL "GDIG"        | Subroutine to return 1 digit of guess                        |
| 126        | RCL 06            |                                                              |
| 127<br>128 | 10<br>RCL 07      | Register 07 = desired position in guess                      |
| 129        | Y/X               | negister of - desired position in guess                      |
| 130        | *                 |                                                              |
| 131        | INT               |                                                              |
| 132        | 10                |                                                              |
| 133        | MOD               | D 1 ( 1 1 1                                                  |
| 135        | RTN<br>LBL "RDIG" | Return from subroutine Come here to get random digit, 0 to 9 |
| 136        | RCL 11            | Seed                                                         |
| 137        | 9821              | 2004                                                         |
| 138        | *                 |                                                              |
| 139        | .211327           |                                                              |
| 140<br>141 | +<br>FRC          | New random seed, 0 to 1                                      |
| 141        | STO 11            | New random seed, 0 to 1                                      |
| 143        | 10                |                                                              |
| 144        | *                 |                                                              |
| 145        | INT               |                                                              |
| 146        | RTN               | Return from subroutine, digit on top of stack                |
| 147        | END               |                                                              |

Text continued from page 258:

The most interesting part of the program is contained in lines 18 thru 40, which consist of two nested loops for selecting P random digits with no two digits the same. Lines 18 thru 23 initialize the outer loop control parameters in register 07. For example, if three digits are desired, register 07 will be initialized to 1.003. The end of

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```
10 DEF FNR = INT(RND*10)
100 D = FNR
110 FOR I = 1 TO P
      N(I) = D
120
130
      D = FNR
140
      FOR J = 1 TO I
150
         IF N(J) = D THEN 130
160
      NEXT I
170 NEXT I
```

After the code is selected, the user's guess is entered. Each user guess is stored in register 06 in a normalized format obtained by dividing the guess by 10°. For example, a guess of 012 would be stored as .012 in a three-digit game; a guess of 30987 would be stored as .30987 in a five-digit game. This format is used so that function GDIG (line 125) can extract the Ith digit, D, from the guess, G, by calculating  $D = MOD_{10} (INT (G \times 10^{l}))$ .

The balance of the program is fairly straightforward. Lines 94 thru 98 illustrate how to simultaneously display five individual numbers and two alphanumeric character strings. Note that subroutine SHOG (line 108) displays each digit of user's guess individually; otherwise, a guess with a leading zero would not show the zero because of the automatic leading-zero suppression of the calculator.

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Audience General audience original *Adventure* that has been appearing around university campuses and mainframe computers for years. According to Microsoft, the Digital Equipment Corporation PDP-10 version is reproduced faithfully for the TRS-80 with 32 K bytes of programmable memory and a single disk drive.

[Editor's note: I had the good fortune to log onto a Digital Equipment Corporation PDP-11/70 that was running the original Adventure. This version credited Willie Crowther with the original version of the program and Don Woods with "most of the features of the current version." Although the Softwin Company is credited with writing the Microsoft Adventure, the names of Willie Crowther and Don Woods should be added to the list. Short sessions with both the Microsoft and the PDP-11 versions of the Adventure showed them to be virtually identical in content, program logic, and wording. Mr Letwin has added some features (described below) and has made slight format changes that make the version more playable....GW]

The Microsoft Adventure sets itself against the de facto norm later established by Scott Adams. The split screen, the blinking cursor, all the slick niceties of the Adams and similar Adventures are missing. That does not detract from the game, though, because they are replaced by technical innovations that make game play easy and painless.

The *Adventure's* acceptance of shorthand commands is a joy. Instead of tediously typing GO HOUSE or GET KNIFE, one needs only type HOUSE or KNIFE. The computer understands and complies. The directional shorthand commands, N, S, E, W, U, and D (for the four compass points and the directions UP and DOWN), are convenient. Adventurers will be very comfortable with the ease with which this program functions.

Adventurers in the Colossal Cave will come across situations they may recognize from other Adventures. This is acceptable. It gives a player a sense of comfort and familiarity in an otherwise hostile environment.

Most of the descriptions used for locations and objects are stored on the floppy disk and called only when needed. This arrangement prevents the descriptions from being terse as a result of limited program space. These plush and vivid descriptions add much to the enjoyment of the game. The puzzle of this *Adventure*, while difficult to



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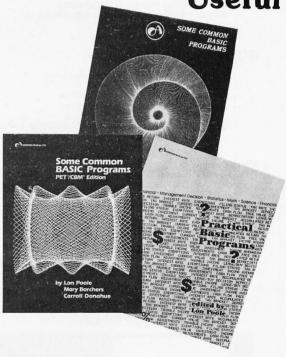
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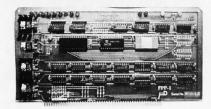
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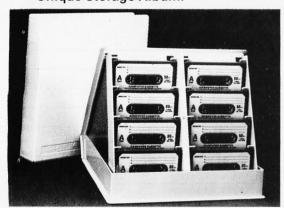
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decipher fully in one or even a half dozen sittings, is not impossible. It is well laid out, challenging, and presented logically. It is solvable, given time.

There are monsters lurking in the shadows. There is, in the first level of the cave, a knife-wielding dwarf who attacks repeatedly at nearly every turn. I suspected for a while that there was a dwarf-cloning machine somewhere far below me in the depths of the cave, turning out rubberstamp dwarves that stood in line to try to kill me. As fast as I dispatched one, another popped up to take his place.

Just out of plain view, a mystery figure beckons to me in the dim light. In trying to reach this spectre, to find out why he/she/it is there, I got lost in a maze of crisscross tunnels, not once but five times.

The nonplayer characters are not the only barrier to your progress as an adventurer. The cave is the adventurer's worst enemy. Its passages twist and turn, creating the kind of terminal (sic) frustration that has made this Adventure a favorite of thousands of personal-computer

The game is divided into three skill levels consisting of the beginning, intermediate, and advanced caves. The intensity of play increases by level so that, by the time the Adventure program offers a Grandmaster game to a player, the player has survived virtually every fantasy situation conceivable. The Grandmaster level is attainable only after every other puzzle is solved and all treasures have been obtained. Few Grandmasters exist. It is a goal worth working toward.

The Microsoft Adventure is a gold mine for the enthusiast and a nightmare for the software pirate. (After all, you would expect Microsoft to actively protect its product.) I was unable to copy the Microsoft Adventure disk, even with the help of several disk inspection/ modification programs.

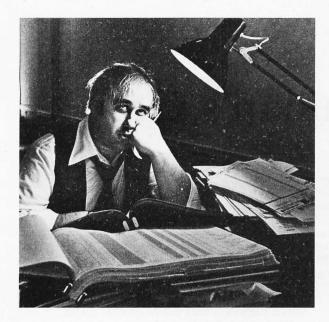
The Microsoft Adventure is attractively packaged and well documented. The buyer should have no trouble finding it on the pegboard of his local computer store. It is well worth the price being charged. The Adventure lover is in for many hours of pure enjoyment with this one

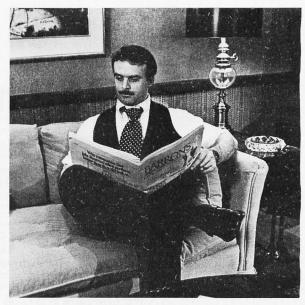
## Conclusions

• This is an interesting Adventure in many ways. First, it is the original Adventure that was first running on a PDP-10. It is also one of the most sophisticated Adventure games I have seen. Since it is written in machine language, it is faster than the Adventures that are written in BASIC. It draws its descriptions from the floppy disk; therefore it is a fuller Adventure than most other Adventures, which offer limited description as a result of storing the text with the program and are limited by the amount of memory in the computer.

• This Adventure has a different format from that of other microcomputer Adventures. This should not be construed as a shortcoming; I mention it only for the benefit of Adventure enthusiasts accustomed to the other, more recent format.

• Microsoft *Adventure* is actually a series of Adventures that reveal themselves as the player becomes more skillful. It can be enjoyed by both the novice and the experienced player. The ability to save the game on disk allows a player to take advantage of deeper levels of play without being confined to one sitting.





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## Lost Dutchman's Gold

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Lost Dutchman's Gold is an Adventure game that takes place in the Old West at the turn of the century. The object of the game is to find the gold (and other treasures) hidden in the Lost Dutchman's Mine and successfully find your way out. The Adventure starts in an abandoned miner's shack where you'll find a rifle and a shovel. If you can find it, there is also a map of the mine hidden somewhere to help you on your Adventure.

This program (see listing 1) is written in Applesoft BASIC and requires 24 K bytes of memory and one disk drive. It will also run on nondisk Apples if the commands related to saving a game to disk are deleted. With some modifications, this Adventure game should run on other

microcomputers that use Microsoft BASIC.

[Unfortunately, the disk commands in this program contain invisible control-D characters at the beginning of some lines. (It is the control-D character that signals the beginning of a disk command within a PRINT statement.) All PRINT statements that begin with the words OPEN, CLOSE, READ, WRITE, VERIFY, and NOMON should have as their first character the invisible control-D character. To the best of my knowledge, the lines that need this character are lines 36, 85, 95, 2535, 2550, 4000, and 4100. We regret this inconvenience to our readers....GW] ■

**Listing 1:** Lost Dutchman's Gold. Written in Applesoft BASIC, it requires 16 K bytes of programmable memory.

- 10 POKE 34,0: POKE 35,24: TEXT :
- 20 VTAB 5: PRINT " WELCOME TO T
  HE SEARCH FOR THE LOST DU
  TCHMAN'S GOLD. I'M THE GHOS
  T OF BACK-PACK SAM, YER GUID
  E ON THIS ADVENTURE.

YA CAN
USE 2 WORD COMMANDS TO FIND
CLUES'N MOVE 'BOUT. GET, G

O, PUT, DROP,

30 PRINT "SCORE, INVENTORY 'N 'B

OUT 100 MORE WORDSMAKE SENSE

TA ME. ASK FER HELP IF YA

GET STUMPED.": PRINT "

PE YA DON'T END UP A GHOST, LIKE ME!

GOOD LUCK!!

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36 DIM N\$(26,7),O\$(32,3),R\$(46):
B = 0:IN = B:LN = 50:LM = LN
:X1 = B:X2 = B:T\$ = "":M1\$ =
T\$:M2\$ = T\$:QM\$ = T\$:U = B:U

- 1 = B:IM = 2:BD = 21:L = 1:C
  \$ = CHR\$ (13): PRINT "NOMON
  I,O,C
- 40 FOR L = B TO 26: FOR I = B TO 7: READ N\$(L,I): NEXT I,L
- 50 FOR I = B TO 32: READ O\$(I,0) ,O\$(I,1),O\$(I,2):O\$(I,3) = " ": NEXT
- 60 FOR I = B TO 46: READ R\$(I): NEXT
- 70 PRINT "
  - HIT 'SPACE' TO START."
    : GET QM\$:L = 1: INPUT "REST
    ORE OLD GAME?";QM\$: IF LEFT\$
    (QM\$ + " ",1) < > "Y" THEN
    100
- 80 INPUT "NAME?";QM\$:QM\$ = "LDG/ " + QM\$: ONERR GOTO 4000
- 85 PRINT "VERIFY "QM\$: PRINT "OP EN "QM\$: PRINT "READ "QM\$
- 90 INPUT L,CL,LN,IN,LM,U,Ul,IM
- 91 FOR X = 0 TO 32: INPUT  $O^{(X,1)}$ ,  $O^{(X,2)}$ ,  $O^{(X,3)}$ : NEXT
- 95 PRINT "CLOSE"QM\$: POKE 216,0 100 IF ((0\$(12,2) = STR\$ (L) OR 0\$(12,3) = "1") AND CL > 0) OR L < 15 THEN 150
- 102 POKE 34,0: POKE 35,23: HOME : PRINT "IT'S TOO DARK TA SE E !!": IF L = 15 AND O\$(6,3)

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Listing 1 continued: < > "1" AND O\$(4,3) < > " 1" THEN PRINT "YA HEAR A ST RANGE NOISE ! 110 POKE 35,24: GOTO 350 120 T\$ = "OK": RETURN 140 B = 1: PRINT : PRINT "YA SEE : ";: RETURN IF CL = 1 THEN LN = LN - 1: IF LN < 1 THEN CL = 0160 I = FRE (0):L1 = L170 B = 0: POKE 35, BD: POKE 34,0: VTAB 1: HOME : POKE 35,24: PRINT "YER "N\$(L,0)".": FOR J = 0 TO 32: IF VAL (0\$(J,2)) < > LTHEN 240 175 IF B = 0 THEN GOSUB 140 IF O\$(J,3) = "-7" OR O\$(J,3)= "-2" THEN PRINT "BURNT" 180 190 IF J < > 1 OR VAL (0\$(1,2)) < > L THEN 200 IF O\$(1,3) = "" THEN PRINT 193 "UNTIED ";: GOTO 200 196 IF 0\$(1,3) = "-9" THEN PRINT "DEAD "; IF O\$(J,3) = "-3" THEN PRINT 200

IF L < > 26 OR J < > 32 THEN

IF CL = 1 AND J = 12 THEN PRINT

IF U1 < > 0 THEN PRINT "UN

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"OPEN TRAP DOOR. "; 260 IF N\$(L,1) = "" THEN PRINT : GOTO 330 265 IF B = 0 THEN GOSUB 140 IF L < > 16 THEN 280 270 > 0 THEN PRINT "UN" 273 IF U < PRINT "LOCKED ";: GOTO 290 276 280 IF L < > 17 THEN 290 IF U = 1 THEN PRINT "UNLOCK 283 ED ";: GOTO 290 PRINT "BLOCKED ": 286 290 PRINT N\$ (L, 1)". IF L = 17 AND U = 0 THEN N\$( 310 L,2) = " " + RIGHT\$ (N\$(L,2)),3) 320 IF L = 16 AND U = 1 THEN N\$( L,2) = "E" + RIGHT\$ (N\$(L,2)),3) CALL - 868: PRINT : IF N\$(L 330 (2) = "" THEN 350 PRINT "OBVIOUS EXITS : ";: FOR 335 I = 1 TO 4:P\$ = MID\$ (N\$(L,2), I, I): IF P\$ = "N" THEN PRINT "NORTH "; IF P\$ = "S" THEN PRINT "SOU 336 TH "; IF P\$ = "E" THEN PRINT "EAS 337 T "; IF P\$ = "W" THEN PRINT "WES 338 T "; NEXT : CALL 340 - 868: PRINT 350 B = 0: PRINT "========= \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 360 BD = PEEK (37): POKE 34, BD: VTAB 24: IF L = 9 AND O\$(22,2) ="11" THEN PRINT "THAR'S NOI SE UP AHEAD. ": PRINT "SOUNDS LIKE INJUNS. IF L = 9 AND O\$(22,2) = "" THEN 370 0\$(22,2) = "11INPUT " -- NOW WHAT?"; QM\$ 390 410 IF LN < 10 AND CL = 1 THEN PRINT "YER RUNNIN' LCW ON KEROSENE 415 IF QM\$ = "SAVE" OR <math>QM\$ = "SAVE GAME" THEN 2520 IF QM\$ < > "SCORE" THEN 450 420 IF L < > 6 THEN T\$ = "YA GE T NOTHIN' FOR BEIN' HERE!": GOTO 1900 426 Z = 0: FOR I = 14 TO 17: IF O \$(I,2) = "6" THEN Z = Z + 1430 NEXT PRINT "YA GOT "Z" TREASURES, 440 TOT'LIN "(Z / 4) \* 100"%": IF Z = 4 THEN PRINT "YA MADE I T!!": GOTO 2220 445 T\$ = "YA MISSED SUM TREASURE! ": GOTO 1900 450 IF CL = 0 AND L = 15 AND O\$( 6,3) < > "1" THEN PRINT "Y E GAD!": PRINT "YA BEEN BIT BY A RATTLER.": PRINT "YER D EAD.": GOTO 2220 460 IF L = 17 AND U = 1 AND RND (1) \* 9 + 1 < 2 THEN PRINT

"LIT ";

NEXT J

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PRINT O\$(J,0)". ";

IF Ul = 1 AND L = 1 THEN PRINT

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"&(%]#&@ CAVE IN !! /:+\*@": PRINT "THE IRON DOOR'S BLOC KED, ": PRINT "YER TRAPPED!!" : U = 0IF QM\$ = "HELP" THEN X = VAL 480 (N\$(L,3)): ON X GOSUB 2300,2 310,2320,2330,2350,2370,2380 ,2390: GOTO 100 490 X1 = LEN (QM\$): IF X1 < 3 THENT\$ = "WHAT?": GOTO 1900 $493 \times 3 = 0$ : FOR  $\times 2 = 3$  TO  $\times 1$ : M1\$ = MID\$ (QM\$, X2, 1): IF M1\$ = "" THEN X3 = X2:X2 = X1NEXT X2:X2 = X3: IF X3 = 0 THEN X2 = X1500 P\$ = LEFT\$ (QM\$,3): IF X2 < > X1 AND X2 + 3 > X1 THEN 6 10 501 II = -1: FOR I = 0 TO 42: IF P\$ = R\$(I) THEN II = INEXT: IF II > - 1 THEN I = II: GOTO 520 510 IF X1 = X2 THEN T\$ = "WHAT?": GOTO 1900 511 T\$ = "SORRY, BUT YA CAN'T" + T\$ = T\$ + RIGHT\$ (QM\$, X1 -X2)

540 JJ = -1:M1 = MID\$ (QM\$,X2)

+ 1,3): FOR J = 0 TO 32: IF

LEFT\$ (QM\$,X2): IF X2 < X1 THEN 512 T\$ = T\$ + ".": GOTO 1900 IF I < 8 AND X1 = X2 THEN ON I + 1 GOSUB 2010,2010,2010,2 220,680,2020,1920,2000: GOTO 1900

M1\$ = LEFT\$ (0\$(J,0),3) THENJJ = JNEXT :J = JJ: IF JJ > -1 THEN 630 IF M1\$ = "IRO" THEN 580 543 545 IF I = 36 THEN 940550 IF N\$(L,1) = "" THEN 560 552 Z = 1:A = Z:X1 = LEN (N\$(L,1))): FOR X2 = 5 TO X1: IF MID\$ (N\$(L,1),X2,1) < > CHR\$ (4)6) AND X2 < > X1 THEN NEXT : GOTO 560 553 M2\$ = MID\$ (N\$(L,1),Z,3): IF M2\$ = M1\$ THEN 556 554 Z = X2 + 2 : A = A + 1 : NEXT : GOTO560 556 X2 = X1: NEXT : B = A: IF I =10 THEN PRINT "YA SEE NOTHI N' SPECIAL.": GOTO 160 558 GOTO 630 560 FOR X = 43 TO 46: IF M1\$ = R \$(X) THEN X = 46: NEXT : GOTO 650 565 IF 0\$(4,3) = "1" OR <math>0\$(6,3) =570 "l" THEN IF I = 23 AND M1\$ = "SEL" THEN PRINT "OK": PRINT "YER DEAD.": GOTO 2220 IF I = 32 THEN GOSUB 780: GOTO 580 1900 IF I = 33 THEN GOSUB 860: GOTO 1900

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## Listing 1 continued:

- 610 T\$ = "I MUST BE DUMB, YA DON' T MAKE SENSE.": GOTO 1900
- 630 IF I < 9 THEN 650
- 1 THEN 633 IF J < 33 AND J >B = VAL (O\$(J,2)): IF B < >L AND B > 0 THEN 1890
- IF J > 32 THEN J = 29636
- ON I 8 GOSUB 1250,1390,139 640 0,1390,1250,1700,1700,1700,1 700,1820,1820,1250,700,700,1 080,1060,1060,920,1150,1190, 1210,730,730,780,860,1250,90 0,940,1700,1690,1320,1340,18 20,2500
- IF I < 9 THEN ON I + 1 GOSUB 650 970,970,970,2220,680,970,192 0,2000,1320
- 660 GOTO 1900
- IF 0\$(3,3) < > "1" THEN 189 680
- 683 PRINT "OK": FOR I = 13 TO 17 VAL (O\$(I,2)) = - L THEN: IF T\$ = "EUREKA! WE STRUCK GOLD ?!??":0\$(I,2) = STR\$(L): RETURN
- 685 NEXT
- 686 T\$ = "DAG NAB IT! THAR'S NOT HIN' HERE!": RETURN
- IF J < > 23 THEN 1060 700
- 701 IF L = 14 THEN O\$(23,2) = "15": GOTO 120
- IF L = 15 THEN O\$(23,2) = "1702 6": GOTO 120
- 703 IF L = 16 AND U = 1 THEN O\$( 23,2) = "17": GOTO 120
- 704 IF L = 17 THEN O\$(23,2) = "19": GOTO 120
- IF L = 19 THEN O\$(23,2) = "2705 3":0\$(23,3) = "-3
- 710 GOTO 120
- 730 IF J = 3 OR J = 4 OR J = 6 OR J = 8 OR J = 9 OR J = 11 ORJ = 12 OR J = 13 OR J = 19 ORJ = 27 OR J = 28 THEN 740
- GOTO 1050 735
- IF 0\$(J,3) = "1" THEN IN = I 740 N - 1
- 750 O\$(J,3) = "-3":O\$(J,2) = STR\$(L): GOTO 120
- 770 T\$ = "DON'T HAVTA.": RETURN
- > 16 THEN 800 780 IF L <
- IF U < > 0 THEN 770 783
- IF 0\$(10,3) = "1" THEN U = 1786 : GOTO 120
- 788 GOTO 1890
- IF L < > 26 THEN 820 800
- 803 IF U1 < > 0 THEN 770
- 806 IF 0\$(10,3) = "1" THEN U1 = 1: RETURN
- GOTO 1890
- 820 IF 0\$(1,3) < > "1" THEN 840
- IF 0\$(0,3) = "2" THEN 0\$(0,3)825 ) = "":0\$(0,2) =STR\$ (L): GOTO 120
- 830 GOTO 1050
- 840 IF CL = 1 AND O\$(12,3) = "1"THEN CL = 0: GOTO 120
- 860 IF (L = 16 OR L = 17) AND U =1 THEN U = 0: GOTO 120
- IF L = 26 AND U1 = 1 THEN U1870 = 0: GOTO 120

880 GOTO 1050

900 T\$ = "YA HEAR NOTHIN' SPECIAL .": RETURN

920 IF L < > 11 OR O\$(9,3) < > "1" THEN 1320

930 PRINT "THEY TOOK THE FIRE WA
TER 'N RAN.":IN = IN - 1:0\$(
9,2) = "":0\$(9,3) = "":0\$(22
,2) = "": RETURN

940 IF M1\$ = "YOH" THEN T\$ = "TU RKEY!": PRINT "SORRY, YER IN THE WRONG ADVENTURE.": GOTO 1900

950 GOSUB 120:T\$ = T\$ + CHR\$ (1 3) + RIGHT\$ (QM\$,X1 - X2) + ".": GOTO 1900

970 IF B = 0 THEN 980

973 L = VAL (N\$(L,B + 3)): IF O\$
(1,3) = "1" AND (L = 1 OR L = 6 OR L = 15) THEN T\$ = "HE W
ON'T GO.":L = L1: RETURN

976 IF L = 17 AND U = 0 THEN L = L1: GOTO 1890

978 IF L1 = 26 AND L = 1 AND U1 = 0 THEN L = L1: GOTO 1890

979 GOTO 1060

980 IF U1 = 1 AND L = 1 THEN L = 26: GOTO 120

990 IF U1 = 1 AND M1\$ = "TRA" AND L = 26 THEN L = 1: RETURN

1003 FOR X2 = 43 TO 46: IF M1\$ < > R\$(X2) THEN NEXT X2: GOTO 1010

1006 L = VAL (N\$(L,X1 + 3)): IF L < > 0 THEN 1060

1010 IF L = 23 THEN T\$ = "IT'S T OO SLIPPERY.": RETURN

1020 IF L = 25 THEN L = 26: RETURN

1030 IF L = 26 THEN L = 25: RETURN

1040 IF L = 19 THEN L = 23: PRINT "NIGH BROKE M'NECK!!": RETURN

1050 T\$ = "SORRY, BUTCHA CAN'T DO THAT.": RETURN

1060 B = 0: GOTO 120

1080 IF O\$(4,3) < > "1" AND O\$(6,3) < > "1" THEN 1320

1083 IF J < > 1 THEN 1110

1086 Z = 0: IF O\$(J,3) = "1" THEN Z = 99

1090 O\$(J,3) = "-9":O\$(1,2) = STR\$(L)

1100 IF Z = 99 THEN IN = IN - 1

1110 IF J = 22 THEN PRINT "YA G
OT ONE!": PRINT "BUT THE RES
T GOT YOU!": GOTO 2220

1120 IF J = 9 THEN T\$ = "YA HIT ONE!": RETURN

1130 GOTO 120

1150 IF O\$(18,3) < > "1" THEN 1

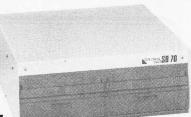
1152 IF J < 0 THEN 511

1153 IF J = 4 OR (J > 5 AND J <
11) OR (J > 14 AND J < 18) OR
J = 22 OR J = 29 OR J > 30 THEN
1050

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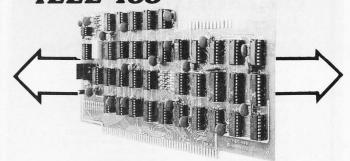
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- 1190 IF J < > 12 THEN 1150 1193 IF O\$(J,3) < > "1" OR O\$(1 8,3) < > "1" THEN 1150
- 1195 CL = 1: GOTO 120 1210 IF J = 13 THEN PRINT "YEEE CH!!": PRINT "IT'S KEROSENE!
- CH!!": PRINT "IT'S KEROSENE!
  ": PRINT "YA JUST POISONED Y
  ERSELF.": GOTO 2220
- 1220 IF J < > 9 THEN 1050
  1230 PRINT "WHEEEE!!": PRINT "YA
  GOT PLASTERED AND LOST A DA
  Y.": IF CL = 1 THEN LN = LN -
- 10 1235 RETURN
- 1250 IF J > 32 OR J < 0 THEN 126
- 1253 B = VAL (O\$(J,2)): IF O\$(J, 3) = "2" OR B = L OR B = -1 THEN 1260
- 1255 IF J < 22 THEN 1890
- 1257 T\$ = "IT AIN'T HERE.": RETURN
- 1260 IF J > 21 OR J = 1 OR J = 1 THEN T\$ = "WHO THE HECK YA
  THINK YA IS?" + C\$ + "PAUL
  BUNYON??! YA AIN'T STRONG'
  NUF.": RETURN
- 1270 IF O\$(J,3) = "-7" THEN T\$ =
  "IT'S BURNT UP 'N RUINED.": RETURN
- 1280 IF IN > 4 THEN T\$ = "YA CAN
  'T! YER HANDS 'R FULL.": RETURN
- 1283 IF O\$(J,3) = "1" THEN PRINT
  "YA ALREADY GOT IT!": RETURN
- 1286 IF VAL (O\$(J,1)) = 0 AND I < > 16 THEN 1290
- 1287 IN = IN + 1: IF 0\$(J,2) = "-1" THEN IM = IM 1:0\$(J,2) = "":7\$(J,3) = "1": GOTO 1290
- 1288 O\$(J,3) = "1":O\$(J,2) = ""
- 1290 IF J < > 9 AND J < > 11 AND J < > 2 THEN 120
- 1293 IF J = 9 THEN IF O\$(8,2) = "-6" THEN O\$(8,2) = "6"
- 1295 IF J = 11 THEN IF O\$(12,2)= "-8" THEN O\$(12,2) = "8
- 1297 IF J = 2 THEN IF O\$(18,2) = "-14" THEN O\$(18,2) = "14
- 1300 RETURN
- 1320 IF O\$(J,3) < > "1" THEN T\$ = "YA DON'T HAVE IT !": RETURN
- 1325 T\$ = "OK":IN = IN 1:0\$(J,2) = STR\$ (L):0\$(J,3) = "": RETURN
- 1340 IF O\$(5,3) < > "1" THEN 18
- 1350 IF L = 7 THEN L = 8: GOTO 1 20
- 1360 IF L = 12 THEN L = 13
- 1370 GOTO 120
- 1390 GOSUB 120: ON J + 1 GOTO 14

00,1430,1440,1460,1470,1480, 1490,1460,1460,1500,1510,152 0,1530,1540,1460,1460,1460,1 460,1460,1560,1570,1580,1590 ,1600,1610,1620,1460,1630,14 60,1460,1460,1640,1460

1395 GOTO 1460

1400 IF VAL (0\$(0,3)) < 1 THEN T\$ = "THEY'S LUMPY OLE LEATH ER SADDLEBAGS.": RETURN

1410 PRINT "THEY HOLD ";: IF IM = O THEN PRINT "NOTHIN'.":T\$ = "": RETURN

1415 FOR I = 6 TO 22: IF O\$(I,2)= "-1" THEN PRINT " "0\$(I, 0)",";

NEXT : T\$ = CHR\$ (8) + ".": 1420

1430 T\$ = "YA SEE A WEARY OLD GRE Y MULE.": RETURN

1440 T\$ = "IT'S AN OLE TORN SACK. ": IF 0\$(18,2) = "-14" THEN 0\$(18,2) = "14"

1450 RETURN

1460 T\$ = "YA SEE NOTHIN' SPECIAL ": RETURN

1470 T\$ = "IT'S AN OLD WINCHESTER SINGLE-SHOT.": RETURN

1480 T\$ = "LOOKS LIKE A MAP TA TH ' LOST DUTCHMAN'S MINE! THAR 'S A SKETCH OF SUM BOULDERS. ": RETURN

1490 T\$ = "NOTHIN' SPECIAL," + C\$ + "JUS' A LOADED SIX SHOOTE R.": RETURN

IF 0\$(8,2) = "-6" THEN T\$ = "LOOKS LIKE SUMTHIN'S 'HIND THE BOTTLES.":0\$(8,2) = "6": RETURN

1505 GOTO 1460

1510 T\$ = "THAR'R 3 KEYS, TIED WI TH A LEATHER STRAP": RETURN

IF 0\$(12,2) = "-8" THEN T\$ =1520 "LOOKS LIKE THAR'S GLASS UND ER 'UM.":0\$(12,2) = "8": RETURN

1525 GOTO 1460

1530 T\$ = "IT'S AN OLE KEROSENE L AMP," + C\$ + "FULL TA THE '" + STR\$ (LN) + " TURNS LEFT ' MARK.": RETURN

IF I = 11 THEN T\$ = "IT SEZ 1540 'KEROSENE.'": RETURN

1550 T\$ = "THAR'S WRITING ON IT." : RETURN

IF 0\$(20,2) = "-17" THEN 0\$(20,2) = "17":T\$ = "IT'S A MESSAGE !": RETURN

GOTO 1460 1565

1570 IF I = 11 THEN T\$ = "IT SEZ:" + C\$ + "BRING TREASURES T O SALOON, SAY 'SCORE.'": RETURN

1575 GOTO 1550

IF I = 11 THEN T\$ = "IT SEZ :" + C\$ + "WATCH FOR OTHER R IDER FANTASY CREATIONS ADVEN TURES!": RETURN

1585 GOTO 1550

1590 T\$ = "THEY'S A SAVAGE LOOKIN

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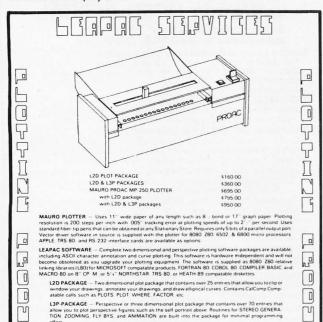
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' BAND," + C\$ + "'N THEY SEE N YA!": RETURN

1600 T\$ = "JUS' AN OLE ORE CART F ULL O' ROCKS.": RETURN

IF 0\$(5,2) = "-25" THEN 0\$(1610 5,2) = "1":T\$ = "THAR'S SUMTHIN' HERE!!": RETURN

GOTO 1460 1615

IF I = 11 THEN T\$ = "IT SEZ 1620 :" + C\$ + "WELCOME TO FRONTI ERTOWN. ": RETURN

1625 GOTO 1550

IF 0\$(10,2) = "-6" THEN 0\$(1630 10,2) = "6":T\$ = "THAR'S A SET OF KEYS THAR!": RETURN

1635 GOTO 1460

1640 B = INT (RND (1) \* 3 + 1):ON B GOTO 1650,1660,1670

1650 T\$ = "IT'S A BARREL CACTUS."

: RETURN 1660 T\$ = "IT'S A CHOLLA CACTUS." : RETURN

1670 T\$ = "IT'S A SAGUARO CACTUS. ": RETURN

1690 IF J = 4 AND I = 38 THEN 17 80

1700 IF J < > 1 OR VAL (0\$(1,3))) < 0 THEN T\$ = "SORRY, B' THAT AIN'T POSSIBLE.": RETURN

1710 IF I < > 38 THEN 1720

IF 0\$(1,3) = "" THEN T\$ = "TENDARFOOT! YA HAV'TA LEAD ' IM FIRST.": RETURN

1717 GOTO 1780

IF 0\$(1,3) = "1" THEN 1320 1720

IF 0\$(7,3) = "1" THEN IF I 1723 < > 16 THEN T\$ = "TRY 'LEA D. '": RETURN

ON I - 13 GOTO 1740,1750,17 60,1770

1740 T\$ = "HE GOT AWAY FROM YA.": RETURN

1750 T\$ = "YER TOO SLOW, HE GOT A WAY.": RETURN

> "1" THEN T\$ 1760 IF 0\$(7,3) <= "BAD LUCK, YA TRIPPED AND HE RUN OFF.":0\$(1,3) = "":0

\$(1,2) = STR\$ (L): RETURN IF <math>0\$(1,3) = "" THEN 1280 1763

GOTO 1320 1766

1770 T\$ = "HE BUCKED YA OFF.": RETURN

INPUT "WITH WHAT?"; QM\$: IF 1780 J = 4 THEN 1800

IF LEFT\$ (QM\$ + " ",3) < > 1782 "SAD" THEN T\$ = "IT FELL OFF ." + C\$ + "HE GOT AWAY.":0\$( 1,3) = "":IN = IN - 1:0\$(1,2)) = STR\$ (L): RETURN

IF O\$(0,3) = "1" THEN O\$(0,1790 3) = "2":IN = IN - 1: GOTO 1060

1795 GOTO 1320

IF LEFT\$ (QM\$ + " ",3) < 1800 "BUL" THEN 1050

IF 0\$(8,3) < > "1" OR <math>0\$(4)1805 ,3) < > "1" THEN 1320

GOTO 120 1810

1820 IF 0\$(J,3) < > "1" THEN 13 20

INPUT "ON OR IN WHAT? (IE ' 1822

ON TABLE') ?";QM\$:P\$ = LEFT\$ (QM\$ + " ",2): IF P\$ < > "I N" AND P\$ < > "ON" THEN T\$ = "HUH?": RETURN

1830 M1\$ = MID\$ (QM\$,4,3) 1840 IF P\$ < > "ON" THEN 1850 1841 IF M1\$ = "MUL" THEN 1790

1843 IF J < > 13 THEN 1320

1845 IF LM = 0 THEN T\$ = "IT'S E MPTY.": RETURN

1847 LM = 0: GOTO 1320

1850 IF M1\$ < > "SAD" THEN 1860

1852 IF J < 5 OR J = 19 OR J = 2 2 THEN T\$ = "SORRY, IT DON'T FIT.": RETURN

1855 IF IM > 4 THEN T\$ = "THE BA GS 'R FULL.": RETURN

1857 O\$(J,2) = "-1":O\$(J,3) = "":IN = IN - 1:IM = IM + 1:T\$ ="OK": RETURN

1860 IF M1\$ = "MUL" THEN T\$ = "Y A GOT KICKED !": RETURN

1870 IF M1\$ < > "LAN" THEN 1050

1872 IF O\$(13,3) < > "1" OR O\$( 12,3) < > "1" THEN 1320

IF LM = 50 THEN LN = LN + 50:LM = 0: GOTO 120

1880 T\$ = "JAR'S EMPTY.": RETURN

1890 T\$ = "YA CAN'T DO THAT... YE T!

1900 PRINT T\$:T\$ = "": GOTO 100

PRINT "YA GOT WITH YA: ";: IF IN = 0 AND O\$(1,3) < > "1" THEN T\$ = "NOTHIN'": RETURN

1930 B = VAL (0\$(0,3)):X1 = B: IFB < > 1 THEN 1940

1933 PRINT : PRINT O\$(0,0)", CON TAINING: ";: FOR I = 1 TO 22 : IF O\$(I,2) = "-1" THEN PRINT 0\$(I,0)". ";:X1 = 2

1936 NEXT: IF X1 < > 2 THEN PRINT "NOTHIN'! ";

1940 IF O\$(1,3) = "1" THEN PRINT : PRINT "THE MULE, WHICH YER LEADIN. ";: IF B = 2 THEN PRINT "(CARRYIN' SADDLEBAGS) ";

1950 PRINT : X1 = 0: FOR I = 2 TO 22: IF VAL (O\$(I,3)) < 1 THEN 1970

IF CL = 1 AND I = 12 THEN PRINT "LIT ";

1960 PRINT O\$(I,0)". ";

1970 NEXT

1980 T\$ = "": RETURN

2000 IF L = 19 THEN HOME : PRINT

> YA FELL 100 FEET 'N LANDED ON ROCKS.": PRINT "

YER DEAD.

": GOTO 2220

IF J = 23 OR J = 32 OR M1\$ = 2005 "P" THEN T\$ = "OK": RETURN

GOTO 1050 2006

2010 T\$ = "WHERE?": RETURN

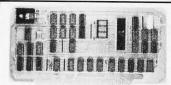
IF L = 25 THEN L = 26: GOTO 2020 120

IF L = 26 THEN L = 252030

2040 GOTO 120

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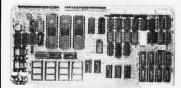
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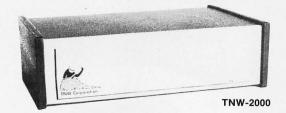
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2110 DATA ON A DIRT ROAD, MOUNTAI

NS. PATH. DESERT. TOWN, NE S,
2,7,3,2,5,IN A GHOST TOWN, SA
LOON, "N",1,6,4,,,IN A SAL
OON, W,1,5,,,

2120 DATA AT THE SUPERSTITION MO UNTAINS, ROAD. DESERT, S N ,4, 4,2,2,2,AT WEAVER'S NEEDLE,,

NS ,1,9,7,,

2130 DATA IN A NARROW DEFILE, BUS
HES. CAVES, "NS",1,11,10,12
,8,IN A SMALL CAVE,,E,1,9
,,,,BEHIND A BUSH, BUSH.,W
,1,9,,,,IN A BOX CANYON, BUSH
ES. TREES. BOULDERS, "S",4
,12,12,12,9

2150 DATA AT THE END OF A TUNNEL
,IRON DOOR," W ",1,17,15,,,
IN A LARGE CHAMBER,IRON DOOR
,WNES,1,16,19,18,20,IN A MAZ
E OF TUNNELS,,NSEW,6,18,18,1
8,18,IN FRONT OF A PIT,DARK
HOLE," S ",7,23,17,,

2160 DATA AT AN INTERSECTION,,"

SNW",6,,22,17,21,IN A DEAD E

ND TUNNEL,,E ,8,20,,,,IN A

BLOCKED TUNNEL,,N ,8,20,,
,,AT THE BOTTOM OF A SHAFT,W

ALL,S ,8,24,,,

2170 DATA IN A TUNNEL,,NS ,6,23 ,25,,,AT THE END OF A TUNNEL ,LADDER," N ",6,26,24,,,AT THE TOP OF A LADDER,,,6,1,25

DATA SADDLEBAGS,2,1,MULE,,3
,BURLAP SACK,4,14,SHOVEL,4,1
,RIFLE,4,1,MAP,1,-25,GUN,1,1,CARROTS,1,-1,BOX OF RIFLE
BULLETS,1,-6,WHISKEY BOTTLES
,2,6,KEYS,1,-6,PILE OF BONES
(MINE),2,8

2190 DATA LANTERN,2,-8,JAR OF LI
QUID,1,-11,\*SPANISH COINS\*,1
,-10,\*TOURQUOISE\*,1,-23,#SIL
VER#,1,-21,#GOLD#,1,-22,MATC
HES,1,-14,CRATES,3,17,NOTE,1
,-17,PAPER,1,6,INDIANS,,11

2200 DATA ORE CART,,14,BED,,1,SI
GN,,5,BROKEN GLASS,,6,TABLES
,,6,CHAIRS,,6,ROCKS,,10,WOOD
EN RAILS,,15,CACTUS,,2,TRAP
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2210 DATA GO ,ENT,RUN,QUI,DIG,CL
I,INV,JUM,DRO,GET,EXA,REA,LO
O,MOV,CAT,CHA,LEA,RID,PUT,PL
A,PIC,PUS,PUL,SHO,OPE,CLO,GI
V,BUR,LIG,DRI,BRE,HIT,UNL,LO
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- 2230 POKE 34,0: POKE 35,24: HOME : NEW
- PRINT "TRY EXAM'NIN THIN'S. 2300 ": RETURN
- PRINT "ROADS GO PLACES.": RETURN 2310
- 2320 PRINT "MAYBE THE TRAIL GOES SUMWHAR.": RETURN
- IF 0\$(5,3) < > "l" THEN PRINT 2330 "YA GOT A MAP?": RETURN
- PRINT "TRY 'FOLLOW.'": RETURN 2340
- 2350 IF VAL (O\$(1,2)) = L THENPRINT "THE MULE LOOKS THIN. ": RETURN
- 2360 GOTO 2300
- PRINT "KEEP GOIN'.": RETURN 2370
- PRINT "IT'S SLIPRY, BUTCHA 2380 MIGHT MAKE IT DOWN. ": RETURN
- PRINT "THIS HERE'S A MINE, 2390 YA KNOW.": RETURN
- IF J = 7 THEN T\$ = "THEY TA STE PURTY GOOD.": RETURN
- 2510 T\$ = "CAN'T DO THAT... WEIRD O !": RETURN
- INPUT "SURE?"; QM\$: IF 2520 LEFT\$ (QM\$ + " ",1) < > "Y" THEN390
- 2530 INPUT "NAME?"; QM\$: QM\$ = "LD G/" + QM\$: ONERR GOTO 4100
- PRINT "OPEN "OM\$: PRINT "WR 2535 ITE "OM\$
- PRINT L", "CL", "LN", "IN", "LM 2540 ","U","U1","IM
- FOR X = 0 TO 32: PRINT O\$(X ,1)","O\$(X,2)","O\$(X,3): NEXT
- PRINT "CLOSE "QM\$: POKE 216 2550 ,0: PRINT "SAVED!": GOTO 390
- 4000 POKE 216,0: PRINT "CLOSE "Q M\$:EE = PEEK (222): IF EE =2 OR EE = 3 OR EE = 11 THENPRINT "BAD NAME. TRY ANOTHE R.": GOTO 80
- 4010 IF EE = 6 THEN PRINT "NO F ILE NAMED "QM\$: GOTO 70
- PRINT ">>> DISK PROBLEM. ER 4020 ROR #"EE: GOTO 70
- 4100 POKE 216,0: PRINT "CLOSE "Q M\$:EE = PEEK (222)
- 4110 IF EE = 2 OR EE = 3 OR EE =11 THEN PRINT "BAD NAME. TR Y ANOTHER.": GOTO 2520
- 4120 IF EE = 4 THEN PRINT "DISK WRITE PROTECTED!": GOTO 252 0
- IF EE = 9 THEN PRINT "DISK 4130 FULL!": PRINT "DELETE"OM\$: GOTO 2520
- 4140 IF EE = 10 THEN PRINT "FIL E LOCKED! (AND I DIDN'T DO I T!)": GOTO 390
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## Computer Bismarck

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. . . the next few years will see a massive influx of computers into serious war-gaming.

— The General

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Ever since the advent of the war game as a hobby in the early 1950s, the marriage of the war game and the computer has been a recurring topic of discussion in periodicals and at gaming conventions. Certain aspects of designing and playing war games appeared to be natural applications for the computer—recording and manipulating large quantities of data, simulating incomplete intelligence in a two-player game, and recording and storing games in progress. The design and publication of war games is, however, a commercial field like any other, and until recently, the high cost of the hardware and software involved sent the average war

gamer back to his manual unit-strength roster sheets with a sigh of "what if."

Although Star Trek and other computer "war games" have been in existence for some time, attempts to apply computers to a serious historical-simulation game are relatively recent. (The quotation above, taken from an article entitled "Panzer Dreamer," was published as recently as September 1979.) Simulations Publications Inc (SPI), a major war game publisher, announced in April 1979 that it would soon market a line of Radio Shack TRS-80 "game assistance" programs that could be used to speed up manual play of specific SPI games. SPI has also designed and published some general-purpose software including a range algorithm for use with the company's standard hex-grid maps.

In January 1980, however, the small California firm of Strategic Simulations Inc published a game called *Computer Bismarck*—and the war game hobby entered the computer age. This game represents a milestone in the development of commercial war games.

## The Game

Computer Bismarck simulates the breakout of the German battleship Bismarck into the North Atlantic in 1941, and the massive British naval and air effort to locate and sink the Bismarck. (The version for an Apple II with one disk drive and 48 K bytes of memory is the one being reviewed here.) The game can be played in two modes; as a two-player game with one player commanding the Bismarck and the other the British forces, or as solitaire, with the player commanding the British forces against the wily efforts of "Otto von Computer." In either case, the objectives are the same: the British must sink or damage the Bismarck while protecting their merchant convoy routes to and from North America, and the Germans must avoid being sunk while disrupting convoys and possibly sinking British warships.

The game begins with all forces located as they were at 1200 hours on May 22, 1941. Play proceeds in turns, with each turn representing four hours of time. During a turn, each player enters movement and search commands by keyboard for each of his ships and aircraft. A color map, displayed on the computer video screen, shows the locations of friendly forces and of enemy forces that were

spotted in the previous turn.

After all orders have been entered, the computer carries out all movement simultaneously and determines whether opposing forces have sighted each other. Combat can result when opposing forces find themselves in the same map square. Combat resolution (including

## At a Glance

Name Computer Bismarck

Type of package Historical-simulation game

Manufacturer Strategic Simulations Inc POB 5161 Stanford CA 94305 (415) 494-0557

> Price \$59.95

Format 5-inch floppy disk

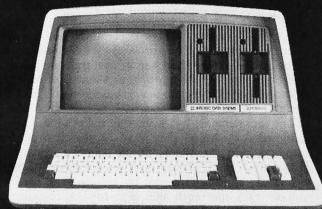
Language Applesoft BASIC Computer Apple II with 48 K bytes of memory and one disk drive

Documentation
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by 11 inches (22 by 28
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Additional comments
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Once combat resolution is completed, another turn begins and the cycle is repeated. Factors such as weather (which affects searching), ammunition expenditure, and reinforcements are monitored by the computer and introduced into play as appropriate. The game ends when the Bismarck is sunk, when one player has accumulated a lead of 30 victory points, or after the 0800, May 27, 1941, turn.

Physical Description

Along with the program floppy disk, the Computer Bismarck package includes two plastic-coated mapboard charts for move plotting, a sixteen-page rulebook (containing strategy suggestions and historical background, as well as the game rules), a set of data charts, a setup sheet, and two grease pencils for use with the mapboard charts. The printing and graphics are of professional quality throughout. The components are packaged in an unnecessarily large, but attractively illustrated, box. All in all, the game is an excellent physical product. A minor irritation with the graphics is the use of three-digit twenty-four-hour clock times on the turn record chart (eg: "400" instead of the more proper "0400" to represent 4 AM).

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## Game Evaluation

The promotional literature for Computer Bismarck claims that "without the drudgery of the organizational overhead of paper-and-pencil games, your mind is free to develop and test sophisticated search, combat, and logistics strategies . . ." (Campaign, number 79). Regrettably, this claim is largely untrue. Although Computer Bismarck does relieve the player of many of the paperwork aspects of conventional war games, it introduces new problems that can actually increase the time required to complete a single turn.

The mechanics of Computer Bismarck are based almost entirely upon those of the conventional war game Bismarck, published in 1979 by the Avalon Hill Company. While the designers of Computer Bismarck wisely chose not to adapt the detailed combat mechanics of the Avalon Hill game, the movement and search procedures, orders of battle, and capability factors assigned to the ships and aircraft are derived almost directly from the Avalon Hill version. There is certainly nothing wrong about this; indeed, it was probably wiser to adapt an existing design rather than use a new and untried system (although it would seem proper as a matter of courtesy to acknowledge that the game was based on an Avalon Hill design).

The fact remains, however, that the original game was designed for manual play, and its search procedure moving ship counters on a playing board—was reasonably efficient for that medium. In Computer Bismarck, ships are moved by entering the square-bysquare track that each ship is to follow, consulting the mapsheet each time to verify the square coordinates and checking the rules for convoy destinations and other details. This can be rather time-consuming, as the British frequently have thirty-plus ships in play, not to mention aircraft. It also causes a player to become mired in the details of individual ship movement to the exclusion of strategic considerations. Computer Bismarck also perpetuates the irritating system of ship movement rates which, in the Avalon Hill original, was apparently scaled so that the map-board would fit exactly into the box.

The failings of Computer Bismarck can be summarized by saying that it does not take advantage of the possibilities offered by the computer. For example, it would have been relatively easy to design a movement system based on the target square principle; ie: a ship would be ordered to proceed to square X and patrol there until further orders are given. The convoys could also be "programmed" to steam toward their destinations unless ordered otherwise (eg: to avoid the Bismarck). These changes would also have made the game much more realistic. Also, the task force system used in the Avalon Hill game could easily have been adapted to the computer version, increasing both playability and realism.

Instead of thinking along these lines, the designers of Computer Bismarck chose to retain the conventional pencil-and-paper system of the Avalon Hill game; by doing this, the designers precluded many of the advantages that computerization might have provided. It is difficult to believe that they couldn't have done better.

In all fairness, it should be pointed out that the computer version does offer one unique advantage: the possibility of solitaire play. Preliminary play testing indicates that "Otto von Computer" is indeed a skillful op-

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ponent; one hopes that he has enough crafty schemes in his repertoire to keep the game from becoming predictable.

Summary

● The field of computer war games has vast potential, and it is perhaps unfair to expect the first published example to be a fully developed product. Others, much improved, are certain to follow; as of this writing, Avalon Hill has announced the availability of four "war games for home computers." (One of them, entitled North Atlantic Convoy Raider, is described as "a computer simulation of the Bismarck convoy raid of 1941 . . .") It is likely that Computer Bismarck will be remembered as the Tactics II of computer gaming—somewhat crude, but a fine effort and definitely a first.

## Conclusions

• Computer Bismarck allows solitaire play against the computer. This a great advantage for the war gamer who cannot find suitable opponents.

• The game is very attractively produced, including plastic-coated mapboard charts and a well-designed rulebook organized in much the same way as rulebooks from other war game publishers. This adds considerably to the pleasure in playing the game.

 Movement of pieces in this game, which must be done one piece at a time, is time-consuming and tedious.



War-Gaming—The Hobby

Shortly before the First World War, the noted science-fiction writer HG Wells published a book entitled Little Wars. It contained a set of rules for simulating historical battles and campaigns using model soldiers on tabletop battlegrounds. From that point on, miniature war games acquired a troop of devoted followers.

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Tactics was quite successful (a revised version, Tactics II, is still on the market today), and other games soon followed. The majority of the early titles dealt with historical actions such as Gettysburg, Waterloo, and the Battle of the Bulge. The Avalon Hill Company, founded by Roberts in 1958, was for many years the only professional publisher of commercial war games. In 1970, Simulations Publications Inc began producing games and introduced a number of innovative design concepts. Avalon Hill and SPI continue to be the giants of the war-game industry, although a number of smaller firms have since appeared.

There are currently several hundred war game titles in print, and sales are climbing toward a million games per year. Game topics range from the campaigns of Alexander and Caesar to World War II, Vietnam, and even to the intergalactic struggles of the distant future.

Information about the war-gaming hobby can be obtained from the many publications on the subject. A few of the most useful sources are listed below:

## Book:

The Comprehensive Guide to Board Wargaming, by Nicholas Palmer, published in paperback by McGraw-Hill, 1979, is an excellent introduction to the subject, although some of the game reviews are already dated. Magazines:

Campaign (POB 896, Fallbrook CA 92028) is a respected source for game reviews, strategy articles, and other features.

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Strategy and Tactics (published by Simulations Publications Inc, 257 Park Ave S, New York NY 10010) offers a complete, ready-to-play war game in each issue, as well as historical articles and general gaming information. SPI also publishes Moves, which is devoted mainly to game design and strategy, and Ares, which covers the relatively new field of science-fiction/fantasy war games.

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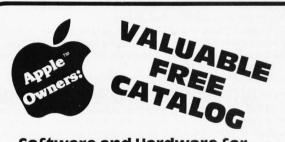
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To fight the monster, enter a 1. When the program asks you for the number of combat points you wish to use, enter any number smaller than your combat strength (ie:

Listing 1: Listing for the Monster Combat program. This program is written to run on a KIM-1 microcomputer with BASIC and 4 K bytes of memory. It can also be modified to run on a different machine or to generate a larger forest to explore.

MONSTER COMBAT

2 REM WRITTEN BY LEE CHAPEL 6/15/80

5 DIMA(10,10):PRINTTAB(20)"MONSTER COMBAT"

10 FORI = 1TO9:FORJ = 1TO9:A(I,J) = 1:IFRND(1) > .75THENA(I,J) = 2

13 NEXT:NEXT

15 X = INT(RND(1)\*6+2):Y = INT(RND(1)\*6+2)

17 A(X,Y) = 5:C = INT(RND(1)\*1501 + 500)

20 GOSUB900

25 PRINT"YOUR COMBAT STRENGTH IS"C:GOSUB400: IFI>11THEN25

30 IFM = OTHENPRINT"YOU GET THE TREASURE FREE": **GOTO495** 

33 IFM = 100ANDN = 1THEN880

35 INPUT"DO YOU (1)FIGHT, (2)RUN, OR (3)BRIBE";K

40 ONKGOTO300,350,635

300 INPUT"HOW MANY COMBAT POINTS DO YOU WISH TO USE"; K

305 IFK>CTHENGOSUB600:PRINTC"COMBAT POINTS": **GOTO300** 

310 I = INT(RND(1) \* 1001): L = 2: C = C - K: K = K - .01 \* O

315 FORH = 1000TO0STEP - 50:IFL\*M < = KANDH > = ITHEN490

320 L = L - .1:NEXT

325 PRINT"THE MONSTER KILLED YOU."; 330 PRINT"YOU LOSE EVERYTHING":PRINT"DO YOU WISH TO TRY AGAIN":

335 INPUTX\$:IFLEFT\$(X\$,1) = "Y"THENRUN

340 PRINT:PRINT"SO LONG.BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME":END

350 I = INT(RND(1) \* 12):IFI = 11THEN325

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355 FORH = 0TO10:IFH \* 10 > MANDH < = ITHEN375 360 NEXT:GOTO685 375  $A = X \cdot B = Y$ 380 X = INT(RND(1)\*3-1) + A:Y = INT(RND(1)\*3-1) + B385 IFA(X,Y)>1THEN380 390 IFA(X,Y) = 0THEN1000 395 A(A,B) = 1:A(X,Y) = 5:IFI < > 12THEN20397 RETURN 400 I = INT(RND(1) \* 14 + 1): M = I \* 10: IFI < 11THENPRINT"A ";405 ONIGOTO410,413,415,417,420,421,423,425,427,429,430, 750.700.950 410 PRINT"MINOTAUR";:GOTO450 413 PRINT"CYCLOPS";:GOTO450 415 PRINT"ZOMBIE";:GOTO450 417 PRINT"GIANT";:GOTO450 420 PRINT"HARPY";:GOTO450 421 PRINT"GRIFFIN";:GOTO450 423 PRINT"CHIMERA";:GOTO450 425 PRINT"DRAGON";:GOTO450 427 PRINT"WYVERN";:GOTO450 429 PRINT"BASILISK";:GOTO450 430 PRINT"NOTHING";:M=0 450 PRINT" IS GUARDING ";: I = INT(RND(1)\*7+1)455 ONIGOTO460,461,463,465,467,470,475 460 PRINT"10 SILVER SPOONS":P = 10:RETURN 461 PRINT"A JEWELED SWORD":P = 30:RETURN 463 PRINT"A JAR OF RUBIES":P = 50:RETURN 465 PRINT"A TREASURE CHEST":P = 200:RETURN 467 PRINT"50 SILVER COINS":P = 50:RETURN 470 PRINT"100 GOLD PIECES":P = 100:RETURN 475 PRINT"A BOX OF JEWELS":P = 75:RETURN 490 PRINT"YOU BEAT THE MONSTER" 493 S = S + 1495 O = O + P497 IFP = 30THENGOSUB800 500 IFP = 200THENGOSUB850:GOSUB867 505 PRINT"YOU NOW HAVE "Q" TREASURE POINTS" 510 A = X:B = Y:INPUT"WHAT DIRECTION (HIT 1 FOR THE MAP)";X\$ 511 IFX\$="1"THENGOSUB900:GOTO510 512 IFRIGHT(X\$,1) = "W"THENX = X - 1513 IFRIGHT\$(X\$,1) = "E"THENX = X + 1 514 IFLEFT\$(X\$,1) = "N"THENY = Y - 1 515 IFLEFT\$(X\$,1) = "S"THENY = Y + 1 517 IFA(X,Y) = 0THEN1000 520 IFA(X,Y) = 2THENPRINT"YOU RAN INTO A WALL": X = A:Y = B:GOTO510

Listing 1 continued:

the amount you think it will take to defeat the monster). Each monster has its own combat strength. If you enter a number of combat points equal to the monster's strength, you have a fifty-fifty chance of defeating it. Entering a higher number increases your chances of winning, while entering a smaller number lowers your chance of winning. No matter how much strength you use, there is always at least a one-in-a-thousand chance that the monster will kill you—not bad odds, unless you have cold feet. Also, the more treasure you have, the more strength you need to use to achieve the same odds against the monster in combat.

If you choose to run (option 2), your chances of getting away from a monster successively decrease as each new monster's strength possibly increases. Thus you are more likely to get away from a minotaur than from a basilisk. If you succeed in running away, you are placed in a new randomly selected square; not getting away usually results in a battle. Occasionally, while you are running, the monster will catch and kill you—one of the risks you must accept.

525 A(A,B) = 1:A(X,Y) = 5:GOTO20600 PRINT"YOU ONLY HAVE";:RETURN 635 INPUT"HOW MUCH DO YOU WISH TO PAY";K 640 IFK > QTHENGOSUB600:PRINTQ"TREASURE POINTS": GOTO635 645 I = INT(RND(1) \* 22):L = 0:IFI = 21ORK < 1THEN325660 FORH = OTO20:IFK < = L\*PANDI> = HTHEN680 670 L = L + .1:NEXT675 PRINT"YOUR BRIBE WAS ACCEPTED.":: Q = Q - K:GOTO505680 PRINT"YOUR BRIBE WAS NOT ACCEPTED."; 685 PRINT"YOU MUST FIGHT":GOTO300 700 PRINT"A GIANT BAT CARRIED YOU TO A NEW SPOT": A = X:B = Y705 X = INT(RND(1)\*7+2):Y = INT(RND(1)\*7+2):IFA(X,Y) < > 1THEN705710 A(A,B) = 1:A(X,Y) = 5:RETURN750 J = INT(RND(1) \* 20 + 1):C = C - J755 PRINT"YOU FELL INTO A PIT AND USED"J"COMBAT POINTS TO CLIMB OUT" 760 IFC < 0THENPRINT"YOU DIED WHILE CLIMBING OUT": **GOTO330** 765 GOTO375 800 IFRND(1) < .5ORC > 3000THENRETURN 810 PRINT"THE SWORD WAS ENCHANTED AND DOUBLES YOUR STRENGTH" 815 C=C\*2:RETURN 850 I = INT(RND(1) \* 10):IFI < > 7THENRETURN860 PRINT"THE CHEST WAS A TRAP. YOU WERE KILLED WHEN YOU OPENED IT" 865 GOTO330 867 I=INT(RND(1)\*10):IFI<>3THENRETURN 870 PRINT"A MIRROR WAS IN THE CHEST."; 875 PRINT"IT WILL KILL ANY BASILISKS YOU MEET": N = 1:RETURN880 PRINT"YOUR MIRROR KILLED THE BASILISK":GOTO493 900 FORI = 0TO10:FORJ = 0TO10:PRINTTAB(5);: IFA(J,I) = OTHEN PRINT" 901 IFA(J,I) = 1THENPRINT"X"; 902 IFA(J,I) = 2THENPRINT"I"; 903 IFA(J,I) = 5THENPRINT"0" 905 NEXT:PRINT:NEXT:RETURN 950 IFS < 5THEN400 955 PRINT"A GIANT EAGLE CARRIED YOU TO SAFETY" 1000 PRINT:PRINT"YOU SURVIVED THE FOREST" 1005 PRINT"YOU WON A TREASURE TOTAL OF"Q: PRINT"CONGRATULATIONS"

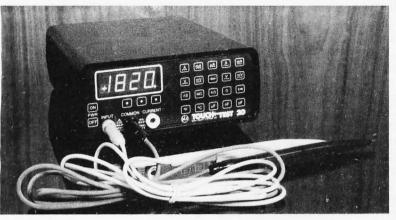
Of course trying to bribe (option 3) your foe is an ageold alternative to running or fighting. For this, you must use your hard-earned treasure. Whether or not you win depends on the value of the treasure he is guarding. The greater the treasure, the more you have to pay to successfully bribe the monster. If he doesn't care for your bribe, you usually have to fight him.

9999 END

There are other things in the forest besides monsters, but these are best left for the player to discover. One thing that I will mention is the mirror you may find. This kills basilisks, the most fearsome of all the creatures you will meet. A basilisk can kill people by looking them in the face, but when it looks into a mirror it frightens itself to death.

Movement through the forest is easy: just enter the direction you want to go—N for *north*, E for *east*, NE for *northeast*, and so on. *North* is the top of the map and *east* is the right. The Xs mark out the forest in the display, the Is are walls through which you cannot pass, and the 0 is you. To leave the forest, just move onto any blank area around the edge of forest.

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Experience has shown me that this game becomes more exciting as the map gets larger. If you have more than 4 K bytes of memory in your system, you can increase the map size by changing the proper lines in the program (mainly lines 10, 15, 705, and 900). You can also add more monsters and treasure or add other options to the

Table 1 lists the monsters and their combat strengths; table 2 lists the treasures and their values. So load up, enter the forest, and hunt!■

Listing 2: Part of a sample run of Monster Combat program. Each X represents part of the forest, each I represents part of a wall that must be circumnavigated, and the single 0 represents the player.

| X | X | Ι | X | Ι | X | X | X | Х |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| X | X | X | X | X | I | Ι | X | Ι |  |
| I | Ι | I | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Χ | X | I | X | Ι | X | X | Ι | X |  |
| I | X | I | I | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| X | 0 | I | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| I | X | X | Ι | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| X | Ι | X | X | I | I | X | X | X |  |

YOUR COMBAT STRENGTH IS 1270 A CHIMERA IS GUARDING 50 SILVER COINS DO YOU (1)FIGHT,(2)RUN, OR (3)BRIBE? 2 YOU MUST FIGHT HOW MANY COMBAT POINTS DO YOU WISH TO USE? 132 YOU BEAT THE MONSTER YOU NOW HAVE 80 TREASURE POINTS WHAT DIRECTION (HIT 1 FOR THE MAP)? SW

| X | X | Ι | X | I | X | X | X | X |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| X | X | X | X | X | I | Ι | X | I |
| I | Ι | I | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | I | X | I | X | X | Ι | X |
| I | X | Ι | Ι | X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | Ι | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 0 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| I | X | X | I | X | X | X | X | X |
| X | Ι | X | X | I | I | X | X | X |

| Monster  | Combat<br>Strength |     |
|----------|--------------------|-----|
| minotaur | 10                 |     |
| cyclops  | 20                 |     |
| zombie   | 20<br>30           |     |
| giant    | 40                 |     |
| harpy    | 50                 |     |
| griffin  | 60<br>70           |     |
| chimera  |                    |     |
| dragon   | 80                 |     |
| wyvern   | 90                 | -1  |
| basilisk | 100                | -   |
|          |                    | - 1 |

**Table 1:** A list of monsters that can be found in the forest and their combat strengths.

| Treasure           | Value |
|--------------------|-------|
| ten silver spoons  | 10    |
| a jeweled sword    | 30    |
| a jar of rubies    | 50    |
| fifty silver coins | 50    |
| a box of jewels    | 75    |
| 100 gold pieces    | 100   |
| a treasure chest   | 200   |

**Table 2:** A list of treasures and their values.

YOUR COMBAT STRENGTH IS 1138 A DRAGON IS GUARDING 10 SILVER SPOONS DO YOU (1)FIGHT,(2)RUN, OR (3)BRIBE? 3 HOW MUCH DO YOU WISH TO PAY? 10 YOUR BRIBE WAS ACCEPTED. YOU NOW HAVE 70 TREASURE POINTS WHAT DIRECTION (HIT 1 FOR THE MAP)? W

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# BYTE's Bugs

### A Strategic Bug

The program in the article by John Rheinstein "Fifteen: A Game of Strategy (or Tic-Tac-Toe Revisited)" (June 1980 BYTE, page 230) contains an error in line 720. Instead of:

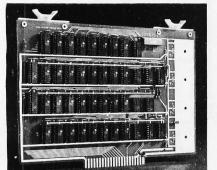
"720 IF T2 > 0 THEN 270"

the line should read:

"720 IF T2 > 0 THEN 750"

If the program is input as given, you get nothing but a sequence of prompts that say "YOUR MOVE?"

An alternate fix is to delete line 460 and lines 650 thru 810. The program then runs satisfactorily, but does not recognize a tie game after only 8 moves (which is possible as the user always



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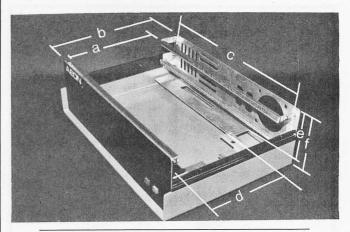
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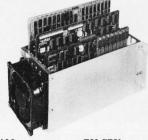


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moves first), and does not recognize a tie game at all if the program is modified to let the machine move first.

Mr Rheinstein has provided an interesting twist on the old game of tic-tac-toe. I've played several dozen games and haven't won vet. but I'm still trying!

Clinton R Foulk 5101 Delancev St Columbus OH 43220

### Error in Airborne Navigation

A typographical error occurred in the "Desk Top Wonders" item "Calculator Airborne Navigation: The HP-25 Finds Ground Speed and True Heading," by L J Kuhns (November 1979 BYTE, pages 245 and 246).

In the program listing on page 246, six consistent substitutions of "8" for "g" were made; for instance, in line 09, "8≥0" should have been " $g \ge 0$ ". The errors were in lines 9, 14, 25, 30, 33, and 44. The use of "g" refers to an operation involving the blue functionentry key.

We at BYTE hope that no one has navigated incorrectly due to this error.

#### Benchmarking Errors

We cannot seem to get benchmark programs right. There is an error in listing 1 of the Technical Forum article "Some More Notes on Performance Evaluation," by Carl Helmers, in the July 1980 BYTE (pages 216 thru 219). (The article itself contains a correction for a previous BYTE article on benchmarking.)

> 110 IF A(I) = 0**THEN 100 ELSE 90**

should read:

110 IF A(X) = 0THEN 100 ELSE 90

Our thanks go to Tom Kelly Jr of Salem, Ohio, and other readers for pointing this out

In addition, our staff

found that the program has no way to print out the results by executing lines 120 thru 170. To correct this, change line 110 to:

> 110 IF A(X) = 0THEN 100 ELSE 85

and add line 85:

85 IF 2\*X>L THEN 120

We apologize for these er-

# Sorry, Wrong Number

The October 1980 issue of BYTE contains an error on page 347, in the 'What's New?" column. The telephone number listed for Moore Business Forms Inc. is incorrect. The numbers are (800) 942-8330 in Indiana, and (800) 323-8326 for the rest of the US.■

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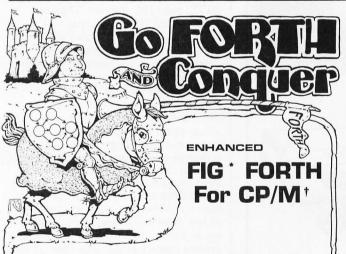
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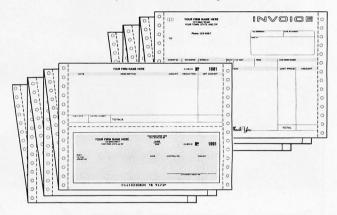


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# Beware Automatic Color TVs

BYTE readers should be made aware that RF (radio-frequency) modulators such as the popular Sup'R' Mod II manufactured by M & R Enterprises may not be compatible with certain television sets. Unhappily, I discovered this fact when I purchased a new RCA color television equipped with all-

electronic tuning for use with an Apple II equipped with a Sup'R' Mod II. It seems that the electronic tuners are so stable and accurate that they are not required to have a fine-tuning control. Unfortunately, the UHF (ultra-high frequency) oscillator in a typical radio-frequency modulator is anything but stable and accurate. To "find" the signal put out by the radio-frequency modulator, either a fine-tuning control on the television or a frequency-adjustment control on the radio-frequency modulator is an absolute necessity. Having neither in my case (the Sup'R' Mod II has no frequency adjustment), I am out of luck.

It may be that radio-frequency modulators operating on VHF (very-high frequency) channels 3 or 4 may be more accurate. But in any event, BYTE readers should be aware of this potential problem if they are in the market for a color television for use as a monitor, or for a radio-frequency modulator to use with the new breed of television sets lacking fine-tuning controls.

Jacob Z Schanker, PE 105 Colony Ln Rochester NY 14623

In a related situation, I cannot play back prerecorded videotapes on my 1978 color television. Commercial tapes add an antipiracy signal that causes the picture to roll. This can be remedied by adjusting the vertical hold on your television-unless you have an automatic color television (like mine) that doesn't have such a control anywhere . . . GW

### Fidelity versus Digicast (or Datacast)

Although I missed the article on the Digicast Project in the January 1979 BYTE (our BYTE magazine goes through a lot of hands), I would like to comment on Noel Moss's letter in the April issue. (See "The Digicast System: Receiving Data and Information Over Your FM Radio," by A I Halsema, January 1979 BYTE, page 100; also see "Digicast Data," April 1979 BYTE, page 8.)

As a former FM broadcast engineer, I disagree with Mr Moss's contention that "high-fidelity music transmission is not restricted by the current modulation limits." In the lab, yes, but in these Tennessee hills multipath will create distortion problems even when the absolute signal strength is just fine. Stereo in particular is subject to damage in reception quality due to multipath.

What those music syndicators have been trying to tell us is: you can't cheat Mother Nature. Sure, you can put subcarriers all over the place and broadcast stereo. (Dorren quadraphonic, while you are at it?) But you can't do that and see around corners at the same time. In hilly terrain or metropolitan areas, it is best to limit your bandwidth as much as possible, or suffer the high cost of listener dissatisfaction with your mobile recep-

SCA (subsidiary communications authorization) for digital data is a special problem. For some time we at station WSMC attempted to use our subcarrier to route telemetry from the transmitter to the studio's remote control. Please bear in mind that the data rate of this is about 2 bps (bits per second). The result was a very noticeable flutter sound in receivers that did not have a line of sight to our antenna, which was modulated by mountain peaks in mobile reception.

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The result was a decision against SCA and against switching-type stereo encoders-this latter decision was made because we would rather have any problems in the stereo signal result in placement errors in the stereo field instead of adding to distortion.

The best place for digital broadcasting, in my view, is in the blanking intervals in television video signals. This is being used with great success in public television for subtitling for the hearingimpaired. Please don't crowd our marginal FM signals with it!

John Beckett Director of Computer Services Southern Missionary College Collegedale TN 37315

The Digicast Project has been renamed the "Datacast Project" by its principal proponent, Jim Warren. No regular Datacast service is now in operation, but in a recent telephone conversation, Mr Warren told me, "The only thing that's holding up Datacast is Jim Warren." He added that several tests have been performed both in Sacramento, California, and in the San Francisco Bay area, and that he intends to pursue Datacast when some other projects are completed.

I also talked with Harry R Anderson, the broadcast engineer who helped perform the tests. He agrees with many of the points made by Mr Moss (noting that few people can detect a 1 dB difference in volume), but derogates the objections of Mr Beckett regarding increased multipath distortion resulting from use of the SCA.

Mr Anderson believes that the problems experienced by WSMC were probably caused by other factors, and he says that the theoretical causes of multipath distortion should not be affected by SCA subcarriers.

Mr Anderson is the author of two articles on the Digicast/Datacast system. See "Digicast: Towards a More Effective Use of the Radio Spectrum Resource," Intelligent Machines Journal, Number 10, June 25, 1979, page 18; also see "Digicast: A Status Report," Intelligent Machines Journal, Number 17, October 31, 1979, page 10. . . . RSS

#### The End of the CBT

The article by Ron Parsons about a 6860-based modem was excellent. (See "An Answer/Originate Modem," June 1980 BYTE, page 24; also see the "BYTE's Bits" item "Tracking Down the Modem Filters," September 1980 BYTE, page 312.)

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# Comments on the August Issue

Editor's Note: BYTE readers were even more vocal than usual this month about our August 1980 FORTH language issue. Apparently, the combination of Steve Ciarcia's article ("A Build-It-Yourself Modem for Under \$50"), the many FORTH articles, and the article by Theron Wierenga on "Construction of a Fourth-Generation Video Terminal" (no pun intended) combined to hit a collective nerve. Here are some of the short, usually anonymous reader comments we received on the monthly BOMB cards (for an explanation of the BOMB card, see the back of this issue).

Incidentally, wildly enthusiastic comments about FORTH outnumbered negative comments by a factor of 10 to 1:

- More FORTH!! Pascal's just another language to eliminate programmers, but FORTH is a language *for* programmers (and engineers and scientists and businessmen and kids and everybody)!
- I would like to see more articles on FORTH—best single issue since Volume 1, Number 1.
- Excellent coverage. I believe FORTH is a language worth learning and using. My TRS-80 will be running MMSFORTH as soon as possible!
- Economically, FORTH has got to be a major breakthrough. Memory doesn't come cheap and you don't need much of it!
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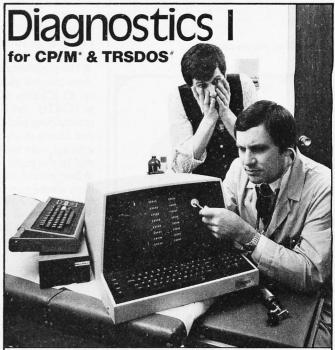
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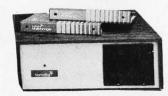


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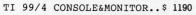
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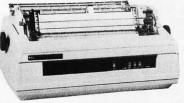
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The simplicity of FORTH is an ideal showcase for modularity and extensibility. #3 [Charles Moore's "The Evolution of FORTH, An Unusual Language"] was entertaining and human. The diagrams and charts of #4-6 [three other FORTH articles] were wonderfully simple, direct, and to the point.

• Best overall issue in a long time. I have already ordered a FORTH compiler

for my 16 K Apple II.

• Let's have all you can get on how to implement and how to use threaded languages.

The few negative comments we got were also strongly stated:

- Easily the worst issue ever.
- Yeech! This issue soured on the way!
- Too much emphasis on FORTH. I like to see a variety each month (maybe spread it out). (Had the emphasis been nearer my interests, would have loved it. You can't please all the people . . . )

Other languages were also mentioned as topics for future articles (future BYTE authors, take note):

- Loved it!! More FORTH, APL, LISP, and other wild and crazy languages.
- I hope that at some time in the near future, an issue will be devoted to C.
- SNOBOL NOW!
- How about some programs in the Apple Pascal system assembler?
- For next year's language issue, please consider one that directly supports concurrency—Concurrent Pascal, Ada, etc.

Other comments included general enthusiasm for the issue and a good deal of respect for the article on Khachiyan's algorithm ["Khachiyan's Algorithm, Part 1: A New Solution to Linear Programming Problems"]:

- More Steve Ciarcia!
- Superb issue! Hope there is another volume of *Ciarcia's Circuit Cellar* and a *BYTE Book of FORTH* to be made available for the Christmas season!
- Still have not figured out the math in #7 ["Khachiyan's Algorithm, Part 1"] but a little bit (lot?) of work won't hurt me. Give us more on FORTH. Best issue to date.
- More hardcore math like the Khachiyan algorithm.
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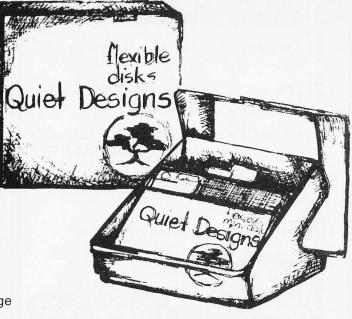
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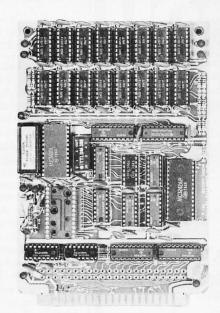
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### National Computer Association (NCA)

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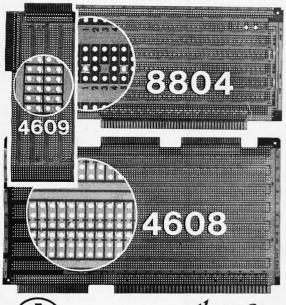
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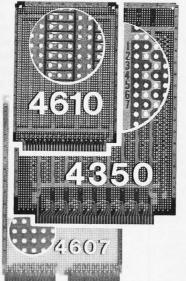
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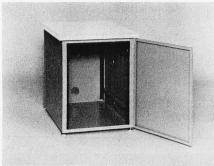
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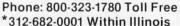
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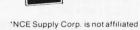
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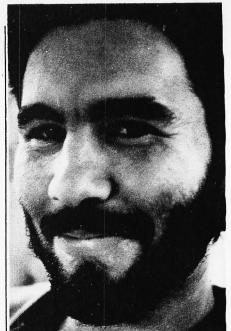
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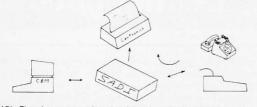
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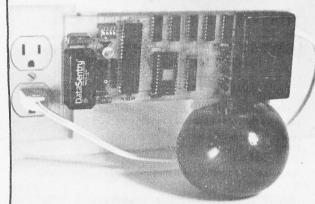
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### Blowing in the Wind

Dear Steve,

I wish to interface a digital anemometer to my Cromemco System III, but I have only a vague idea of the steps involved. I live on a windy hilltop and want to log wind-velocity data (to help me select the best type of windmill for electrical power generation).

The anemometer that I have is a Trade-Wind Model DIG78, manufactured by Trade-Wind Instruments, 1076 Loraine St, Enumclaw, WA 98022. The indoor display unit shows wind speeds from 00 to 99 mph (miles per hour) either instantaneously or by maximum gust encountered. This display uses CD4511

latch/decoder drives. (See figure 1.)

My general idea is to employ some three-state buffer circuits to transfer BCD (binary-coded decimal) data from the anemometer to the computer, then load the data into the accumulator with the IN instruction. What portion of the anemometer electronics should I tie into? What S-100 bus line should I use as a device-select signal?

Interfacing an anemometer to a computer sounds like something I'd do. Connecting it to an S-100 computer isn't terribly difficult. The accompanying circuit diagram should work, provided Trade-Wind In-

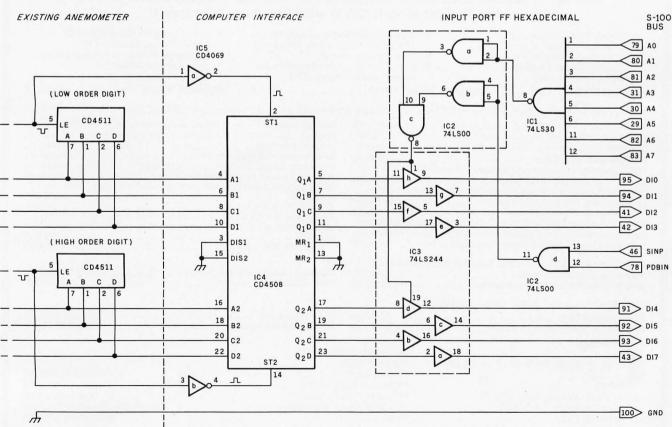
struments used the devices you listed in the classical tradition. It is not enough to simply send the BCD signals to the S-100 bus; they must also be latched and gated at the proper time.

First, so that the computer knows what port it is reading, IC1 and IC2 are wired to decode hexadecimal port FF. (If you prefer another address, refer to my "Circuit Cellar" article on parallel ports in the June 1980 BYTE, page 37 "I/O Expansion for the TRS-80, Part 2: Serial Ports".) This

signal is used to gate the output of a dual 4-bit latch (IC4) onto the bus. This latch is necessary because there is no way to tell how long the BCD-data signals in the anemometer are valid. It may be only a microsecond or two. When the output digits are updated, they are automatically latched into the IC4 as well. In this way, computer-program execution speed is independent of the electronics in the anemometer. This circuit should provide what you need....Steve

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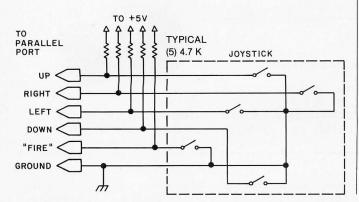
# Interfacing a Joystick

Dear Steve,

I would like to interface an Atari joystick (made up of simple switches, not potentiometers) to the input port of my Exidy Sorcerer microcomputer. I don't believe the software will be difficult, but do I hook up the "common" wire from these switches to +5 V, and each lead to an input bit on the port? Are "tie-up" resistors required? Richard Legault

Although I am not familiar with the Sorcerer, I assume that the input port is TTL (transistor-transistor logic) or LSTTL (low-power Schottky TTL); if so, I suggest that you attach a pullup resistor and switch to each bit as shown in the diagram (see figure 2). When the switch is open, a logic 1 is presented to the input port; when the switch is closed, a logic 0 is presented....Steve

Figure 2



construct should be of reasonable cost (\$50 or so), show the basic workings of a microprocessor, and still be of some use to me in my home or on my farm. The unit could also incorporate photoelectric or heat-sensor devices. I have failed so far to find anything that fulfills my requirements. Do you know of any plans or kits that are close to what I am describing?

I would very much appreciate it if you could spare some time and do some searching for me. My science fair is about a month away, so I need your advice as soon as possible.

Kevin Meysenburg

I can think of a few ways for you to build an under \$50 computer, but not in less than a month. To keep costs down, it would have to be built from scratch. If it used a printed-circuit board, it would be much more expensive. There have been circuits for microcomputers in BYTE and other magazines many times within the past three years. I suggest you check the back issues or request an index from the magazines.

Once you have a circuit, you will still need the parts. You may be unaware that some companies, notably Intel, practically give away whole computers in the name of education. Write to Intel Corporation, calling attention of the product manager to the particular microprocessor you are interested in, and ask about the price and delivery of "University Kits." These are functional, cosmetically rejected devices that are practically given away for a nominal handling charge. In 1976, people were getting 8080A kits including programmable memory, EPROMS (erasable programmable read-only memories), and I/O (input/output) devices, worth about \$800 from the distributors, for \$20. I'm sure other companies have the same interest in supporting the schools....Steve

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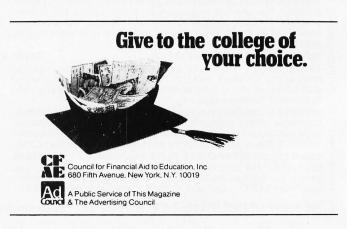
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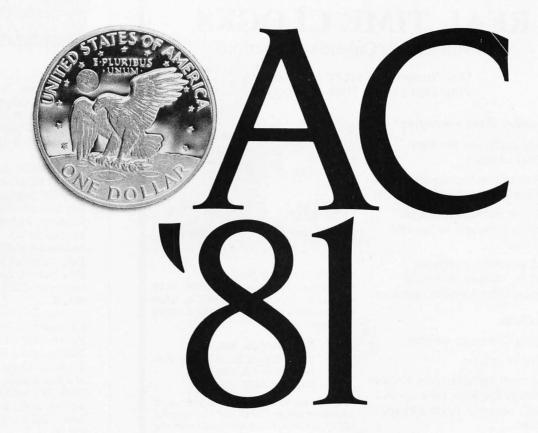
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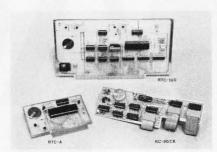
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Computing Principles and Techniques. B Vickery. Philadelphia PA: Heyden & Son, 1979. 15.5 by 22 cm (6 by 8½ inches), 182 pages, hardcover, ISBN 0-85274-505-2, \$24.

The CP/M Handbook with MP/M. Rodnay Zaks. Berkeley CA: Sybex Inc, 1980. 13.1 by 22 cm (5% by 8½ inches), 324 pages, soft-cover, ISBN 0-89588-048-2, \$13.95.

Design of Solid-State Power Supplies, second edition. Eugene Hnatek. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1980. 15.6 by 23.5 cm (6¾ by 9¼ inches), 621 pages, hardcover, ISBN 0-442-23429-5, \$27.50.

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Journal of Digital Systems, volume 4. Waldo G Magnuson Jr. Potomac MD: Computer Science Press Inc, 1980. 15.5 by 23 cm (6 by 9 inches), 106 pages, softcover, ISBN 0195 4350, price individual \$45, company \$65.

Mathematics for Business and Economics with Computing. Frank Scalzo. Princeton NJ: Petrocelli Books, 1980. 16 by 23.5 cm (61/4 by 91/4 inches), 388 pages, hardcover, ISBN 0-89433-039-X, \$27.

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Microcomputers for External Devices. James A Gupton Jr. Portland OR: Dilithium Press, 1980. 14 by 20.5 cm ( $5\frac{1}{2}$  by  $8\frac{3}{8}$  inches), 279 pages, softcover, ISBN 0-918398-28-2, \$13.95.

Microprocessor Systems Design and Applications. Dave Bursky. Rochelle Park NJ: Hayden Book Company Inc, 1980. 22 by 28 cm  $(8\frac{1}{2})$ by 11 inches), 192 pages, softcover, ISBN 0-8104-0976-3, \$9.95.

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Douglas Lewin. Englewood Cliffs NJ: Prentice-Hall Inc, 1980. 38 by 59.5 cm (15½ by 23½ inches), 472 pages, softcover, ISBN 0-470-26959-6, \$21.95.

What to Do After You Hit Return. People's Computer Company. Rochelle Park NJ: Hayden Book Company Inc, 1980. 25.5 by 36 cm (10 by 14 inches), 180 pages, softcover, ISBN 0-8104-5476-9, \$14.95.

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UltraMon. Assemblylanguage monitor for the TRS-80. Cassette, \$24.95. International Association of Programmers, POB 4211, Manchester NH 03103.

Write-On II. Wordprocessing software for Apple II. Floppy disk, \$150. Rainbow Computing, 9719 Reseda Blvd, Northridge CA 91324.

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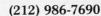


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#### Micrograph continued:

**Listing 1:** The second third of the firmware for Micrograph control, written for the Z80 microprocessor used in the prototype. The first fifteen pages of this listings were given in Part 1 of this article. The remaining portion of the firmware will be included in January 1981 BYTE's final installment of this series, along with a description of the software and an explanation of its use.

```
931
                                            E
                                                     (TEMPORARY)
                    932
                                            14
                                                     (POINTER)
                    933
                                            1...
                                                     (POINTER)
                    934
                    935
                            1/0
                                            PORT O
                                                     (DISPLAY CONTROL)
                    936
                    937
                            STRUCTURES
                                            GDR
                                                     (GRAPHIC DISPLAY REGISTERS)
                    938
0387
                    939
                          LREG:
                                   AND
                                        00001111B
                                                              CLEAR OF CODE
       £.60F
                    940
                                   CF
                                        000011118
                                                              TEST FOR RESET
0339
       FEOF
                                   JP
                    941
                                        Z, RESTART
                                                              FRESET IF GDR15
038B
       CA0000
                    942
                                   LD
                                        LrA
                                                              LOAD LOAD BYTE
038E
       6F
                    943
                                   LD
                                        H, 0
                                                              CLEAR POINTER
038F
       2600
                                        DE,STRUCT+GDR
                                                              FSET UP BASE ADDRESS
                    944
                                   LD
0391
       118010
0394
       19
                    945
                                   ADD
                                        HL. , DE
                                                              JADD BASE ADDRESS
0395
       CDEDOI
                    946
                                   CALL
                                        FETCH
                                                              FGET THE DATA
                    947
                                   L.D
                                         (HL),A
                                                              ISAVE THE DATA
0398
       77
                    948
                                        A, (IX+GDR14)
                                                              FGET DISPLAY CONTROL
0399
       DD7E0E
                                   LD
                                                              FSENT THE DATA
0390
                    949
                                   OUT
                                         (0), A
       D300
039E
       09
                    950
                                   RET
                                                              FRETURN
                    951
                            952
                    953
                    954
                            LSUB LOADS A SUBROUTINE INTO RAM AT THE SPECIFIED
                            ADDRESS AND WITH THE SPECIFIED LENGTH. LSUB FIRST
                    955
                            GETS THE SUBROUTINE NUMBER, THEN SETS THE LENGTH
                    956
                            IN SLONG. THE SUBROUTINE ADDRESS IS SAVED IN SLINK.
                    957
                    958
                            GETELK IS THEN CALLED TO READ IN THE DATA.
                    959
                    960
                                            FETCH
                            CALLS
                    961
                                            GETBLK
                    962
                    963
                            CALLED BY
                                            PRIMAT
                                                     (INDIRECTLY)
                    964
                          v
                                                     (PRIMITIVE OF CODE, TEMPORARY)
                    935
                                            A
                          7
                            REGISTERS
                    966
                                            13
                                                     (LENGTH)
                          ž
                                            0
                                                     (POINTER)
                    967
                                            E
                                                     (POINTER)
                    968
                    969
                                            11
                                                     (POINTER)
                    970
                          ř
                                                     (POINTER)
                    971
                                            IY
                                                     (INDEX)
                    972
                    973
                                            NONE
                            1/0
                    974
                     975
                                                     (SUBROUTINE LINK)
                            STRUCTURES
                                            SLINK
                    976
                                            SLONG
                                                     (SUBROUTINE LENGIH)
                     277
                    978
                                   AND
                                        000011118
                                                              ICLEAR OF CODE
039F
                          LSUBI
       E 60F
                    979
                                   LD
                                                              *MOVE OFFSET TO E
                                        ErA
U3A1
       SF
                                                              CLEAR POINTER
                    980
                                   L.D
                                        0,0
0342
       1600
                    981
                                                              FPOINT TO SLONG
0344
       FD218010
                                   1.10
                                         IY,STRUCT+SLONG
                                                              FADD OFFSET
                    982
                                   ADD
                                         1Y, DE
0348
       FD19
                                                              FGET LENGTH
                    983
                                   CALL
                                        FETCH
03AA
       CDEDOI
                                                              ISAVE LENGTH
                    984
                                   LD
                                        BYA
0360
                                                              FSAVE LENGTH
                                   LD
                                         (TY+0)_{x}A
DIAE
       FD7700
                    985
                                                              FOINT TO SLINK
                                        IY,STRUCT+SLINK
0381
       F0219010
                    986
                                   LD
                                                              SHIFT THE OFFSET
                                   SLA
0395
       0823
                    987
                                        1Y, DE
                                                              JADD OFFSET
                                   ADD
0387
       FD17
                    988
                                                              GET ADDRESS LOW BYTE
0389
                                   CALL FEICH
       CDEDOI
                    939
                                        LAA
                                                              SAVE LOW BYTE
                    990
                                   LD
03BC
       6F
                                                              FSAVE LOW BYTE
                                   LD
                                         (IY+0),A
       F07700
                    991
UBBL
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Listing 1 continued:
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```
CALL FETCH
                                                            JGET ADDRESS HIGH BYTE
                    992
0300
       CDEDUIL
                    993
                                  LD
                                       H,A
                                                            ; SAVE HIGH BYTE
0303
       67
                                                            SAVE HIGH BYTE
                    994
                                  LD
                                        (IY+1),A
0304
       FD7701
                                  CALL GETBLK
                    995
                                                            *GET DATA
0307
       CD9A08
                                                            RETHEN
                    996
03CA
       0.9
                                  RET
                    997
                          998
                    999
                          ; LSYM LOADS SYMBOL DEFINITIONS INTO THE INTERNAL
                   1000
                          ; SYMBOL GENERATOR, SYMTAB. LSYM FIRST CHECKS TO SEE
                   1001
                          ; IF ALL OR JUST ONE SYMBOL IS TO BE LOADED. IF ALL
                   1002
                   1003
                            ALL ARE TO BE LOADED, LSYM LOAD 1024 SYMBOL ELEMENTS
                          ; (FOR 128 SYMBOLS). OTHERWISE, LSYM LOADS 8 SYMBOL
                   1004
                   1005
                            ELEMENTS FOR ONE SYMBOL.
                   1006
                   1002
                            CALLS
                                           FETCH
                          7
                   1008
                                           GETBLK
                   1009
                                           PRIMAT
                                                    (INDIRECTLY)
                   1010
                            CALLED BY
                   1011
                   1012
                            REGISTERS
                                           A
                                                    (PRIMITIVE OF CODE)
                   1013
                                           13
                                                    (COUNTER)
                   1014
                                           C
                                                    (COUNTER)
                   1015
                                           1-1
                                                    (POINTER)
                   1016
                                           L.,
                                                    (FOINTER)
                   1017
                                           NONE
                   1018
                          7 1/0
                   1019
                   1020
                          # STRUCTURES
                                           SYMTAB
                                                    (SYMBOL TABLE)
                   1021
                                                            TTEST FOR LOAD TYPE
03CB
                   1022
                                       U,A
       CB47
                          LSYM:
                                  BIT
0300
       2808
                   1023
                                  JR
                                        Z,LSYM1
                                                            JUMP IF SINGLE LOAD
0301
       210014
                   1024
                                  LD
                                        HL, SYMTAB
                                                            FLOAD POINTER
0.302
       0E04
                   1025
                                  LD
                                        0,4
                                                            FLOAD COUNT
                                                            FSET COUNT OF 256
0304
       0600
                   1026
                          LSYMO:
                                  L.D
                                        B, 0
                                                            FGET DATA
0306
       CD9A08
                   1027
                                  CALL GETBLK
                                  DEC
                                                            *DECREMENT COUNT
0309
       (11)
                   1028
                                        0
030A
       2088
                   1029
                                  JR
                                                            JUMP IF NOT DONE
                                        NZ,LSYMO
0300
       0.9
                   1030
                                  RET
                                                            FRETURN
                          LSYM1:
0300
       CDEDO1
                   1031
                                  CALL FETCH
                                                            FORT SYMBOL NUMBER
                                                            MASK HIGH BIT
                                        011111111
                                  AND
03E0
                   1032
       E67F
                                  1.0
                                        L. , A
                                                            SAVE OFFSET
                   1033
03E2
       64
                                  1.1)
                                        H, 0
                                                            ICLEAR POINTER
03E3
       2400
                   1034
                                  SLA
                                                            *SHIFT OVER
03E5
       CB25
                   1035
                                        1...
03L/
       CB14
                   1036
                                  RL.
                                        +1
                                                            7
                                                                 THREE BITS
0.369
       0825
                   1037
                                  SLA
                                                                 TO PROPERLY
                                        1
                                  RI.
                                        H
                                                                 COMPUTE
03EB
       CB14
                   1038
                                  SLA
                                                                 THE
0390
       DB25
                   1039
                                        1.
       0:014
DISFE
                   1040
                                  RL
                                        H
                                                                 OFFSET
0371
                   1041
                                  1.0
                                        BC, SYMTAB
                                                            FPOINT TO SYMTAB
       010014
                                        HL,BC
03F4
       09
                   1042
                                  ADD
                                                            ADD BASE ADDRESS
0365
       0608
                   1043
                                  1.0
                                        8,28
                                                            YSET COUNT
03F7
       CD9AU8
                   1044
                                  CALL GETBLK
                                                            IGET DATA
03FA
                   1045
                                  RET
                                                            FRETURN
                   1046
                          1047
                   1048
                           MOV MOVES THE CURRENT XY POSITION. THE XY POSITION
                   1049
                            MAY BE UPDATED BY ABSOLUTE OR RELATIVE OFFSETS,
                   1050
                            AND BY LONG OR SHORT OFFSETS. THE POINT MAY OR MAY NOT BE ILLUMINATED IN EITHER THE PRIMARY OR SECONDARY
                   1.051
                   1052
                          ; COLOR, MOU FIRST DETERMINES THE NEW XY LOCATION
                   1053
                   1054
                            BY ADDING OFFSETS IF THEY ARE RELATIVE, ARE BY
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; LOADING NEW POSITIONS. MOV NEXT CHECKS TO SEE IF
                    1055
                             THE POINT WILL BE ILLUMINATED. IF SO, THE PROPER
                    1056
                             COLOR IS INSERTED AT THAT PIXEL.
                    1057
                    1058
                    1059
                                             CASE
                             CALLS
                           7
                    1060
                                             FETCH
                    1061
                                             PUT
                    1062
                    1.063
                           ; CALLED BY
                                             PRIMAT
                                                      (INDIRECTLY)
                    1064
                    1.065
                             REGISTERS
                                             Δ
                                                      (PRIMITIVE OF CODE, TEMPORARY)
                                             13
                                                      (CASE)
                    1066
                                             0
                                                      (TEMPORARY)
                    1067
                    1068
                                             0
                                                      (TEMPORARY X)
                           y.
                                             F.
                                                      (TEMPORARY Y)
                    1069
                    1070
                                             IX
                                                      (INDEX)
                    1071
                           7 1/0
                                             NONE
                    1072
                    1073
                                                      (X)
                    1074
                             STRUCTURES
                                             GDRO
                                             GDRI
                                                       (Y)
                    1075
                                                      (PRIMARY COLOR)
                    1076
                                             GDR2
                                                      (SECONDARY COLOR)
                    1077
                                             GDR3
                                                      (VECTOR MODE)
                    1078
                                             GDR5
                                             REF
                                                      (REFERENCE)
                    1079
                           ř
                    1080
                                                                ISAVE A COPY OF A
03FB
       4F
                    1081
                           MOVE
                                    LD
                                          CAA
                                                                FGET VECTOR MODE
                                          A, (IX+GDR5)
03FC
       DDZE05
                    1082
                                    1.0
                                                                SAVE REFERENCE
                                          (IX+REF),A
                                    LD
03FF
       DD7743
                    1093
                                                                DETERMINE CASE
0402
       CDA007
                    1084
                                    CALL CASE
                                          D, (IX+GDRO)
                                                                FGET X
0405
       DD5800
                    1.085
                                    L.D
                                                                FGET
0408
       DDSE01
                    1086
                                    1.0
                                          E, (IX+GDR1)
                                                                FGET DATA
                                    CALL FETCH
0408
       CDEDO1
                    1087
                                                                FTEST IF LONG
040E
       C859
                    1088
                                    BIT
                                          3 . C
                                                                * JUMP
                                                                      J.F
                                                                         LONG
                                    JR.
                                          NZ , MOV3
0410
       2036
                    1089
                                                                FIEST IF ABSOLUTE
                    1090
                                    BIT
                                          2,0
0412
       CB51
                                                                JUMP IF ABSOLUTE
0414
       2022
                    1091
                                    JR
                                          NZ, MOV2
                                    PUSH AF
                    1092
                                                                FSAVE A COPY OF A
0416
       1. 55
                                                                FSHIFT OVER
                                    SRL
0417
       CESF
                    1093
                                          1
                                                                    FOUR BITS
0419
       CB3F
                    1094
                                    SRL.
                                          A
                                                                    TO MASK ALL BUT
0418
       CB3F
                    1095
                                    SRL
                                          A
                                                                    X OFFSET
       CB3F
                    1096
                                    SRL
0410
                                                                FIEST SIGN OF OFFSET
                                    BIT
041F
       CHSF
                    1097
                                          3 , A
0421
       2804
                    1098
                                    JR
                                          Z, MOVO
                                                                JUMP IF POSITIVE
                                    RES
                                                                JCLEAR SIGN
0423
       CB9F
                    1099
                                          3 , A
0425
                                                                *NEGATE THE VALUE
                                    NEG
       ED44
                    1100
                                                                FADD THE OFFSET TO X
0427
       82
                           MOVOS
                                    ADD
                                          A,D
                    1101
                                                                *SAVE THE NEW VALUE
0428
       57
                    1102
                                    LD
                                          DIA
0429
       F 1
                                    POP
                                          AF
                                                                FRESTORE A
                    1103
                                                                *MASK ALL BUT Y OFFSET
042A
       E60F
                                    AND
                                          000011118
                    1104
                                                                TTEST SIGN OF OFFSET
0420
       CB5F
                    1105
                                    BIT
                                          3,0
                                                                JUMP OF POSITIVE
                                          Z,MOV1
042E
       2804
                    1106
                                    JR
                                                                FOLEAR SIGN
0430
       CB9F
                    1107
                                    RES
                                          3 , 1
                                                                *NEGATE THE VALUE
0432
       ED44
                    1108
                                    NEG
                                                                JADD THE OFFSET TO Y
                    1109
                           MOV1:
                                    ADD
                                          A,E
0434
       83
                                                                FSAVE THE NEW VALUE
                                    LD
                                          ErA
0435
       51.
                    1110
                                                               JUMP TO PROCESS POINT
0436
       1832
                    1111
                                    JR
                                          MOV7
                                                               *SAVE A COPY OF A
0438
                    1112
                           MOV2:
                                    PUSH AF
                                                                FSHIFT OVER
0439
       CBSF
                    1113
                                    SRL
                                          A
                                                                    FOUR BITS
0438
       CB3F
                    1114
                                    SRL
                                          A
                                                                    TO MASK ALL BUT
                                    SRL
0430
       CB3F
                    1115
                                          A
                                                                    X OFFSET
                                    SRL
043F
       CBSF
                    1116
                                          A
0441
       177
                    1117
                                    1.15
                                          D,A
                                                                SAVE THE NEW VALUE
                                    POP
                                                                FRESTORE A
0442
       F 1
                    1118
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Listing 1 continued:
0443
              EGOF
                                     1119
                                                                   AND
                                                                             000011118
                                                                                                                     ; MASK ALL BUT Y OFFSET
0445
              51
                                     1120
                                                                   1.15
                                                                                                                     SAVE THE NEW VALUE
                                                                             ExA
0446
              1822
                                     1121
                                                                   JR
                                                                             MOU2
                                                                                                                     JUMP TO PROCESS POINT
0448
              0851
                                     1122
                                                  MOV3:
                                                                   BIT
                                                                             2.0
                                                                                                                     FIEST FOR ABSOLUTE
                                                                             NZ.MOV6
                                                                                                                     JUMP IF ABSOLUTE
0440
              2019
                                     1123
                                                                   JR
                                                                                                                     TEST SIGN OF OFFSET
                                                                   BIT
0440
              CBZF
                                     1124
                                                                             7 , A
                                                                             Z, MOV4
                                                                                                                     JUMP IF POSITIVE
MAKE
              2804
                                     1125
                                                                   JR
0450
              CERF
                                     1126
                                                                   RES
                                                                             7 , A
                                                                                                                     CLEAR SIGN
              ED44
                                     1127
                                                                   NEG
                                                                                                                     FREGATE THE VALUE
0452
                                                  MOV4:
                                                                             AVD
0454
              82
                                     1128
                                                                   ADD
                                                                                                                     JADD THE OFFSET
                                                                   LD
                                                                             D,A
                                                                                                                     FSAVE THE NEW VALUE
0455
              57
                                     1129
                                     1130
                                                                   CALL FETCH
                                                                                                                     GET THE NEXT DATA
0456
              CDEDOI
                                                                                                                     FTEST SIGN OF OFFSET
0459
              CBZE
                                     1131
                                                                   BIT
                                                                             7 , A
                                                                                                                     JUMP IF POSITIVE
0458
              2804
                                     1132
                                                                   JR
                                                                             Z,MOV5
0450
              COLF
                                     1133
                                                                   RES
                                                                             7,0
                                                                                                                     CLEAR SIGN
045F
              ED 44
                                     1134
                                                                   NEG
                                                                                                                     *NEGATE THE VALUE
                                                  MOV5:
                                                                                                                     FADD THE OFFSET
0461
              8134
                                      1135
                                                                   ADD
                                                                             A,E
                                                                                                                     FRAVE THE NEW VALUE
0432
              SF
                                     1136
                                                                   LD
                                                                             E,A
                                                                             MOUZ
                                                                                                                     *JUMP TO PROCESS POINT
114,734
              1.8005
                                     1137
                                                                   JR
                                                                                                                     ; SAVE THE NEW VALUE
0465
              57
                                     1138
                                                  MOUAS
                                                                   10
                                                                             1) . A
0466
              CDEDO1
                                     1139
                                                                   CALL FETCH
                                                                                                                     FGET THE NEXT DATA
0469
              SE
                                     1140
                                                                   LD
                                                                             ErA
                                                                                                                     SAVE THE NEW VALUE
0466
                                      1141
                                                  MOV7:
                                                                   LD
              007200
                                                                             (IX+GDRO),D
                                                                                                                     FURDATE X
0460
              002301
                                     1142
                                                                   LD
                                                                             (IX+GDR1),E
                                                                                                                     FUPDATE Y
0470
              0841
                                     1143
                                                                   BIT
                                                                             O,C
                                                                                                                     FIEST ILLUMINATE
                                     1144
04/2
              2001
                                                                   JR
                                                                             NZ,MOV8
                                                                                                                     JUMP IF ILLUMINATE
                                      1145
0474
              09
                                                                   RET
                                                                                                                     FRETURN
0475
              DD7E02
                                      1146
                                                  MOV8:
                                                                   LD
                                                                             A, (IX+GDR2)
                                                                                                                     FLOAD PRIMARY COLOR
0478
              CBA9
                                      1147
                                                                   BIT
                                                                             1,0
                                                                                                                     FITEST COLOR TYPE
                                                                                                                     >JUMP IF PRIMARY
047A
              2803
                                      1148
                                                                   JR
                                                                             Z,MOV9
0470
              DD7E.03
                                     1149
                                                                   L.D
                                                                             A, (IX+GDR3)
                                                                                                                     $LOAD SECONDARY COLOR
947F
                                      1150
                                                  MOU9:
              0E01
                                                                   LD
                                                                             0.1
                                                                                                                     FASSUME SUCCESS
0481
              CD7E0A
                                      1151
                                                                   CALL PUT
                                                                                                                     FPUT THE POINT
0484
              1002
                                      1152
                                                                   RET
                                                                                                                     FRETURN
                                      1153
                                      1154
                                                  7 RCRAM REPRESENTATION CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR
                                      1155
                                      1156
                                                  FORAM DUMPS THE COLOR RAMS, RORAM FIRST DETERMINES
                                      1157
                                                  ; IF A SINGLE OR ALL COLOR RAMS ARE TO BE DUMPED. IF
                                      1158
                                                  7 A SINGLE COLOR RAM IS TO BE DUMPED, THE ENTIRE RAM
                                      1159
                                                  ; OR A SINGLE ADDRESS OF THAT RAM IS DUMPED. OTHERWISE,
                                      1160
                                                      ALL THREE COLOR RAMS ARE EITHER ENTIRELY DUMPED OR
                                      1161
                                                      A SINGLE ADDRESS OF ALL THREE ARE DUMPED.
                                      1162
                                      1163
                                                  ÿ
                                                      CALLS
                                                                                   FETCH
                                      1164
                                                  7
                                                                                   SENDBK
                                      1165
                                                  7
                                                                                   SENDBY
                                      1166
                                      1167
                                                                                   PRIMAT (INDIRECTLY)
                                                      CALLED BY
                                      1168
                                      1169
                                                      REGISTERS
                                                                                                    (PRIMITIVE OF CODE)
                                                                                   A
                                     1170
                                                  ÷
                                                                                   13
                                                                                                    (COUNTER)
                                      1171
                                                  ÿ
                                                                                   D
                                                                                                    (TEMPORARY)
                                      1172
                                                  Y
                                                                                   12
                                                                                                    (TEMPORARY)
                                      1173
                                                  7
                                                                                   11
                                                                                                    (POINTER)
                                      1174
                                                                                   1...
                                                                                                    (POINTER)
                                      1175
                                                                                   IY
                                                                                                    (INDEX)
                                                  7
                                      1176
                                      1177
                                                      1/0
                                                                                   NONE
                                      1178
                                      1179
                                                      STRUCTURES
                                                                                    CRO
                                                  ř
                                                                                                    (COLOR RAM D)
                                      1180
                                                                                   CR1
                                                  v
                                                                                                    (COLOR RAM 1)
                                      1181
                                                  7
                                                                                    CR2
                                                                                                    (COLOR RAM 2)
                                      1182
0485
                                      1183
                                                  RCRAM:
              CB47
                                                                   BIT
                                                                             0 . A
                                                                                                                     FTEST SINGLE BIT
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Listing 1 continued:
                                                           JUMP IF SINGLE
0487
       2820
                                 JR
                                       Z,RCRAM2
                   1184
                                                           FIEST REFERENCE
                                 CF
0489
       FE7D
                   1185
                                      011111018
                                                           JUMP IF NOT ALL
                                 JR
                                      NZ, RCRAMO
       2009
                   1186
0.488
                                                          FSET COUNT OF 48
                                       8,48
                                 LD
0480
       0630
                   1187
                                                          ; SET BASE ADDRESS
                                      HL, CRO
048F
       210010
                   1188
                                 LD
                                                          FSEND THE DATA
                                 CALL SENDEK
       CD880A
                   1189
0492
0495
       09
                  1190
                                 RET
                                                          RETURN
                         RCRAMO: LD
                                                          FSET COUNT OF 16
0496
       0610
                  1191
                                       B, 16
                                       000011008
                                                          JMASK OF CODE
0498
       ESUC
                  1192
                         RCRAM1:
                                 AND
                                                          SHIFT OFFSET
0490
                  1193
                                 SLA
                                      0
       CB 27
                                                          FSHIFT OFFSET
0490
                  1194
                                 SLA
                                      A
       CB27
                                                          SAVE OFFSET
049E
                  1195
                                 L.D
                                      LAA
       6F
                                                          JCLEAR POINTER
049F
       2600
                  1196
                                 LD
                                       H \star O
                                                          FSET BASE ADDRESS
                                       DE, CRO
                  1197
                                 LD
04A1
       110010
                                      HL,DE
                                                         JADD BASE TO OFFSET
                  1178
                                 ADD
0404
       19
                                 CALL SENDEK
                                                         SEND THE DATA
0465
       CD880A
                  1199
                                                         FRETURN
                  1200
                                 RET
0448
       09
0469
       FL7C
                  1201
                         RCRAM2; CF
                                       01111100B
                                                          FIEST REFERENCE
                                                          JUMP IF NOT ALL
04AB
       2027
                  1202
                                 JR
                                       NZ,RCRAM3
                                 CALL FETCH
                                                         GET OFFSET
DAAD
       CDEDO1
                  1203
                                 AND
                                                          *MASK THE OFFSET
                                       000011118
0480
       ESOF
                  1204
                                                          JSAVE OFFSET
0482
                  1205
                                 LD
                                       L. v A
       6F
                                                          CLEAR POINTER
0483
                  1206
                                 10
                                       H.O
       2600
0485
       110010
                  1207
                                 LD
                                       DE,CRO
                                                          YSET BASE ADDRESS
                                                         ; ADD BASE TO OFFSET
0488
       19
                  1208
                                 ADD
                                      HL, DE
                                                          *SAVE THE POINTER
                                       E, L.
0489
       50
                  1209
                                 L.D
                                                          SAVE THE POINTER
                  1210
                                 LD
                                       Dyll
048A
       54
                                                          CLEAR THE POINTER
                                       IY,0
04BB
       FD210000
                  1211
                                 (L.I)
                  1212
                                 ADD
                                      IY,DE
                                                          FSAVE INDEX
0485
       FD19
                                                          FOET DATA
0401
       FD7E00
                  1213
                                 LD
                                       A, (IY+0)
                                 CALL SENDBY
                                                        SEND THE DATA
0404
       CD910A
                   1214
0407
       FD7E10
                  1215
                                 LD
                                       A, (1Y+16)
                                                          FGET DATA
04CA
                  1216
                                 CALL SENDBY
                                                          SEND THE DATA
       CD910A
0400
       FD7E20
                  1217
                                 [...[)
                                      A, (IY+32)
                                                          FGET DATA
0400
       CD910A
                  1218
                                 CALL SENDBY
                                                          FSEND THE DATA
                                                          FRETURN
0403
       0.9
                  1219
                                 RET
                  1220 RCRAM3; LD
                                       B . 1
                                                          FSET THE COUNT
0404
       0601
                                                          MASK OF CODE
0406
                  1221
                                 AND
                                      00001100B
       EGOC
                                                          FSHIFT OFFSET
0408
       CB27
                  1222
                                 SLA
                                      A
                                                          SHIFT OFFSET
                  1223
                                 SLA
04.00
       0827
                                      A
       6F
                                                          SAVE OFFSET
04DC
                  1224
                                 LD
                                       LAA
                                                          CLEAR POINTER
0400
       2600
                   1225
                                 LD
                                       H, 0
                                 CALL FETCH
                                                          GET OFFSET
040F
       CDEDO1
                  1226
04E2
       E 60F
                  1227
                                 AND
                                       00001111B
                                                        * MASK THE OFFSET
                  1228
                                 ADD
                                                          ;ADD OFFSET
0484
       85
                                      Arl.
04E5
                  1229
                                                         FSAVE OFFSET
       6F
                                 LD
                                       L. , A
04E6
       11001C
                  1230
                                 LD
                                       DE,CRO
                                                          FSET BASE ADDRESS
04E9
       19
                  1231
                                 ADD HL, DE
                                                          JADD BASE TO OFFSET
                                                          JSENT THE DATA
       CD880A
                  1232
                                 CALL SENDBK
04EA
                  1233
04ED
       0.91
                                 RET
                                                           FRETURN
                  1234
                  1235
                           1236
                           RETH RETURNS FROM A GRAPHICS SUBROUTINE. RETH FIRST
                  1237
                   1238
                           CHECKS SPTR TO SEE IF A SUBROUTINE IS IN PROGRESS.
                           IF NOT, RETH SIMPLY RETURNS. IF SO, RETH POPS
                  1239
                           SOFF AND SPTR FROM GSTACK AND RETURNS.
                  1240
                  1241
                  1242
                         7 CALLS
                                          NONE
                   1243
                   1244
                           CALLED BY
                                          PRIMAT
                                                  (INDIRECTLY)
                  1245
                                                  (PRIMITIVE OF CODE)
                   1246
                         ř
                           REGISTERS
                                          A
                  1247
                                          ()
                                                  (TEMPORARY)
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1.248
                                           E
                                                    (TEMPORARY)
                         y
                   1249
                                           14
                         ÿ
                                                    (POINTER)
                   1250
                                           L
                                                    (POINTER)
                   1251
                                           IX
                                                    (INDEX)
                   1.252
                         ÿ
                   1.253
                         ; 1/0
                                           NONE
                   1254
                   1.255
                            STRUCTURES
                                           GFC
                                                    (GRAPHICS STACK POINTER)
                   1256
                                                    (GRAPHICS STACK)
                                           GSTACK
                   1257
                                           SOFF
                                                    (SUBROUTINE OFFSET)
                   1258
                                           SPTR
                                                    (SUBROUTINE POINTER)
                         Y.
                   1259
UAEE
       DDCB405E
                   1260
                         RETN:
                                  BIT
                                        3, (IX+SPTR)
                                                            FIEST SPIR
04F2
       C8
                   1261
                                  RET
                                        Z
                                                            FRETURN IF ZERO
04F3
       DD3542
                   1.262
                                  DEC
                                        (IX+GPC)
                                                            JUPDATE THE STACK
04F6
       DD5E42
                   1263
                                  LD
                                        E, (IX+GPC)
                                                            FLOAD GPC
04F9
       1600
                   1264
                                  LD
                                                            CLEAR POINTER
                                       D.O
0488
       217F10
                   1265
                                  LD
                                       HL, GSTACK
                                                            SET INDEX TO GSTACK
04FE
       87
                   1266
                                  OR
                                                            JOLEAR THE CARRY
04FF
       ED52
                                  880
                   1267
                                       HL, DE
                                                            *SUBTRACT OFFSET
05:01
       7 E.
                   1268
                                  LD
                                        A, (HL)
                                                            FPOP SOFF
0502
       DD7741
                   1269
                                  LD
                                        (IX+SOFF),A
                                                            FRETURN SOFF
0505
       23
                   1270
                                  INC
                                       HL
                                                            JUPDATE THE POINTER
                   1271
0506
       7E
                                  LD
                                        A, (HL)
                                                            FPOR SPTR
0507
       DD7740
                   1.272
                                  1.0
                                        (1X+SPTR),A
                                                            FRETURN SPIR
050A
       DD3542
                   1273
                                  DEC
                                        (IX+GPC)
                                                            FDECREMENT OFFSET
0500
       09
                   1274
                                  RET
                                                            FRETURN
                   1275
                   1276
                         1277
                   1278
                         3 RPIX READS PIXEL DATA ACCORDING TO THE GIVEN
                   1279
                         ; REFERENCE, RPIX CAN DUMP EITHER FULL FRAME, ONE
                   1280
                            PIXEL AT XY, OR AN ENTIRE VIEWPORT. RPIX FIRST CHECKS
                   1281
                         ; TO SEE IF ONLY A SINGLE POINT IS TO BE DUMPED. IF SO,
                   1282
                         ; RPIX DUMPS THE POINT AT XY. OTHERWISE, RPIX SETS A
                         ; FLAG IF FULL FRAME IS SET. X AND Y ARE CLEARED, AND
                   1283
                         3 RPIX PROCEDES FROM THE ORIGIN TO THE MAXIMUM X AND Y
                   1284
                            VALUES, LEFT TO RIGHT, BOTTOM TO TOP. IF FULL FRAME
                   1285
                   1286
                         ; IS SET, ALL PIXELS ARE DUMPED. OTHERWISE, THE
                   1287
                         ; CASE AND CLIPPING SUCCESS ARE CHECKED. IF THE PIXEL
                   1288
                           IS VISIBLE, THE PIXEL IS DUMPED. RPIX COMPLETES
                   1289
                           WHEN X AND Y HAVE RECYCLED TO THE ORIGIN.
                   1290
                   1291
                         7
                           CALLS
                                           SENDBY
                   1292
                                           CASE
                   1293
                                           CLIF
                         7
                   1294
                                           PEEK
                   1295
                   1296
                            CALLED BY
                                           PRIMAT
                                                    (INDIRECTLY)
                   1297
                   1298
                                                    (PRIMITIVE OF CODE)
                            REGISTERS
                                           A
                   1299
                                           13
                                                   (CASE)
                                           C
                                                    (CLIP SUCCESS)
                   1300
                         7
                   1301
                                           0
                                                   (FULL FRAME FLAG)
                   1302
                                           1 X
                          ,
                                                    (INDEX)
                   1303
                                           NONE
                   1304
                           1/0
                   1305
                            STRUCTURES
                   1306
                                           GDRO
                                                   (X)
                                           GDR1
                                                    (Y)
                   1307
                   1308
                                           REF
                                                    (REFERENCE)
                   1309
                         RPIX:
                                  L.D
                                        0,0
                                                            CLEAR FULL FRAME FLAG
05UE
       1600
                   1310
                   1311
                                  AND
                                        000011118
                                                            *MASK OF CODE
0510
       EGOF
                   1312
                                  L.D
                                        (IX+REF), A
                                                            SAVE REFERENCE
0512
       DD7743
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Listing 1 continued:
                                                                                   SRL (IX+REF)
                                                                                                                                                 *SHIFT REFERENCE
                  DDCB433E 1313
0515
                                                                                  SRL (IX+REF)
                                                                                                                                                *SHIFT REFERENCE
0519
                  DDCB433E 1314
0510
            CBSE
                                            1315
                                                                                   BIT
                                                                                               3 , A
                                                                                                                                                 FIEST REFERENCE
                                                                                                                                                JUMP IF VP REFERENCE
051F
                  280F
                                              1316
                                                                                   JR
                                                                                                Z, RFIX1
                                                                                                                                                TIEST REFERENCE
                                                                                   BIT 2,A
0521
                CB57
                                              1317
                                                                                   JR
                                                                                               Z, RPIXO
                                                                                                                                                JUMP IF FULL FRAME
                  2807
                                              1318
0523
                  CDA408
                                              1319
                                                                                   CALL PEEK
                                                                                                                                               FGET DATA
0525
                                              1320
                                                                                   CALL SENDBY
                                                                                                                                                SEND THE DATA
                  CD910A
0528
                                                                                                                                                 FRETURN
                                              1321
                                                                                   RET
052B
                 0.9
                                                                                                                                                 SET FULL FRAME FLAG
0520
                 1601
                                              1322 RPIXO;
                                                                                   LD
                                                                                               D , 1
                                                                                   JR
                                                                                                                                                JUMP
                                                                                               RPIX2
052E
                  1803
                                              1323
                                                                                   CALL CASE
                                                                                                                                                 *DETERMINE CASE
0530
                  CDA007
                                              1324
                                                              RFIX1:
                                                                                   LD (IX+GDRO),O
                                                                                                                                                FCLEAR X
0533
                  DD360000
                                              1325
                                                              RFIX2:
                                                                                               (IX+GDR1),0
                                                                                                                                                 CLEAR Y
0537
                  DD360100
                                              1326
                                                                                   LD
                                                                                   BIT 0,0
                                                                                                                                                  FTEST D
0.538
                 CB42
                                              1327
                                                              RPIX3:
                                                                                                                                                 JUMP IF FULL FRAME
                                              1328
                                                                                   JR
                                                                                               NZ, RPIX4
053D
                 2007
                                                                                                                                               FIEST FOR CLIP
                                                                                   CALL CLIP
053F
                                              1329
                CDEF07
                                                                                                                                            TEST SUCCESS
0542 CB41
                                              1330
                                                                                   BIT 0.0
                                                                                                                                          JUMP IF CLIPPED
                                                                                    JR
                                                                                                Z,RPIX5
                                              1331
                2806
0544
                                                                                   CALL PEEK
CALL SENDBY
                                              1332 RPIX4:
                                                                                                                                               TREAD THE DATA
0546 CDA408
                                                                                                                                            SEND THE DATA
                                              1333
0549
                 CD910A
                                                                                                                                          INCREMENT X
                                                                                   INC (IX+GDRO)
054C DD3400
                                              1334 RPIX5:
                                                                                               NZ,RPIX3
                                                                                                                                                JUMP IF NOT ZERO
054F
                20EA
                                              1335
                                                                                   JR
                                                                                   INC (IX+GDR1)
                                                                                                                                                 FINCREMENT Y
0551 DD3401
                                              1336
                                                                                                NZ, RPIX3
                                                                                                                                                JUMP IF NOT ZERO
0554
                 20E5
                                              1337
                                                                                   JR
0556
                  CY
                                              1338
                                                                                   RET
                                                                                                                                                 FRETURN
                                               1339
                                              1340 : RREG REPRESENTED REPRESENTED FOR REPRESENTATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE 
                                               1341
                                               1342 ; RREG RETURNS THE VALUE OF THE DESIGNATED GRAPHICS
                                               1343
                                                             * DISPLAY REGISTER. RREG FIRST DETERMINES THE REGISTER
                                                              ; NUMBER, THEN RETURNS THE VALUE VIA SENDBY.
                                               1344
                                               1345
                                                           7 CALLS
                                                                                                       SENDBY
                                               1346
                                               1347
                                               1348
                                                             CALLED BY FRIMAT (INDIRECTLY)
                                               1349
                                              1350
                                                            ; REGISTERS
                                                                                                       A
                                                                                                                             (PRIMITIVE OF CODE)
                                                                                                                             (TEMPORARY)
                                               1351
                                                                                                        D
                                                                                                        E
                                                                                                                             (TEMPORARY)
                                              1352
                                               1353
                                                                                                        1-1
                                                                                                                             (POINTER)
                                                                                                                             (POINTER)
                                               1354
                                                                                                        1...
                                               1355
                                                           3 1/0
                                                                                  NONE
                                              1356
                                              1357
                                                            ; STRUCTURES GDR (GRAPHICS DISPLAY REGISTERS)
                                              1358
                                              1359
                                              1360 RREG: AND 00001111B
0552
                 EZUF
                                                                                                                                                *MASK OFF OF CODE
0559
                                                                                  L.D
                                                                                               L×A
                                                                                                                                                 ;LOAD OFFSET
                  6F
                                              1361
                                                                                               H, 0
                                                                                                                                                 CLEAR POINTER
0556
                  2600
                                              1362
                                                                                L.D
                                                                                                                                                ;SET BASE ADDRESS
                                                                                                DE,STRUCT:GDR
0550
                  113010
                                              1363
                                                                                   L.D
                                                                                                                                                 FADD OFFSET
055F
                 15
                                              1364
                                                                                   ADD HL, DE
                                              1365
                                                                                   1. D
                                                                                                A, (HL)
                                                                                                                                                GET THE REGISTER
0530
                 7 E
                  CD910A
                                              1366
                                                                                   CALL SENDBY
                                                                                                                                                ISEND THE DATA
0561
0534
                  09
                                              1367
                                                                                   RET
                                                                                                                                               FRETURN
                                              1368 7
                                              1369 - 7 RSUB secretarial energy and a secretarial energy ener
                                              1370 ;
                                                           ) RSUB DUMPS A SUBROUTINE TO THE HOST. RSUB FIRST
                                              1371
                                                           ; IDENTIFIES THE SUBROUTINE NUMBER AND DETERMINES THE
                                              1372
                                                           ; START ADDRESS VIA SLINK. SLONG ENTRIES DETERMINE THE
                                              1373
                                              1374 ; SUBROUTINE LENGTH. RSUB CALLS SENDBK TO DUMP THE
                                              1375 ; DATA.
                                              1376
                                              1377 7 CALLS
                                                                                                    SENDBK
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1378
                                           1379
                                                             CALLED BY
                                                         ž
                                                                                               PRIMAT
                                                                                                                  (INDIRECTLY)
                                           1380
                                           1381
                                                             REGISTERS
                                                                                               A
                                                                                                                  (PRIMITIVE OF CODE)
                                                                                               13
                                           1382
                                                                                                                  (COUNT)
                                           1383
                                                                                               D
                                                                                                                  (POINTER)
                                                         7
                                           1384
                                                                                               E
                                                                                                                  (POINTER)
                                                                                               H
                                           1385
                                                         7
                                                                                                                  (POINTER)
                                           1386
                                                                                               I...
                                                                                                                  (POINTER)
                                           1387
                                                                                               IX
                                                                                                                  (INDEX)
                                           1388
                                                                                               IY
                                                                                                                  (INDEX)
                                           1389
                                           1390
                                                             1/0
                                                                                               NONE
                                           1391
                                           1392
                                                             STRUCTURES
                                                                                               SLINK
                                                                                                                  (SUBROUTINE LINKAGE)
                                           1393
                                                                                               SLONG
                                                                                                                  (SUBROUTINE LENGTH)
                                           1394
                                                                            AND
0565
                E.60F
                                           1395
                                                         RSUB #
                                                                                        00001111B
                                                                                                                                     CLEAR OF CODE
0567
                SE
                                           1396
                                                                            LD
                                                                                        ExA
                                                                                                                                     FSAVE OFFSET
0568
                1600
                                           1397
                                                                            LD
                                                                                        0,0
                                                                                                                                     CLEAR POINTER
056A
                                           1398
                CB23
                                                                            SLA
                                                                                        E
                                                                                                                                     SHIFT THE OFFSET
0560
                FD219010
                                           1399
                                                                            LD
                                                                                        IY, STRUCT+SLINK
                                                                                                                                     GGET LINKAGE
0570
                FD19
                                           1400
                                                                            ADD
                                                                                        IY,DE
                                                                                                                                     FADD OFFSET
                                                                                        L, (1Y+0)
                                                                                                                                     GET LOW BYTE OF START
0572
                FD6E00
                                           1401
                                                                            LD
0575
                FD6601
                                           1402
                                                                            1.1)
                                                                                        H_r(IY+1)
                                                                                                                                     GET HIGH BYTE OF START
0578
                FD21B010
                                          1403
                                                                            LD
                                                                                        IY, STRUCT+SLONG
                                                                                                                                     GET LENGTH
0570
                                           1404
                                                                            SRL
                                                                                                                                     *SHIFT THE OFFSET
                CB3B
                                                                                       1-
057E
                FD19
                                           1405
                                                                            ADD
                                                                                       IY, DE
                                                                                                                                     FADD OFFSET
0530
                FD4600
                                           1406
                                                                            1.0
                                                                                        B_{\times}(IY+0)
                                                                                                                                     GET LENGTH
                                           1407
0583
                CD880A
                                                                            CALL SENDBK
                                                                                                                                     SEND THE DATA
                                           1408
0583
                0.9
                                                                            RET
                                                                                                                                     FRETURN
                                           1409
                                                         7
                                                         oldsymbol{y} \in \mathbb{R} S ig M - Contraction of the contraction of th
                                           1410
                                           1411
                                           1412
                                                         F RSYM DUMPS A SINGLE OR THE ENTIRE SET OF SYMBOLS.
                                           1413
                                                         ; RSYM FIRST DETERMINES IF A SINGLE SYMBOL IS TO BE
                                           1414
                                                            DUMPED. IF SO, THE 8 BYTES DEFINING THE SYMBOL ARE
                                           1415
                                                             FOUND AND DUMPED. OTHERWISE, THE ENTIRE SET OF
                                           1416
                                                             SYMBOLS IS DUMPED.
                                           1417
                                           1418
                                                             CALLS
                                                                                               FETCH
                                           1419
                                                                                               SENDBK
                                           1420
                                          1421
                                                            CALLED BY
                                                                                              PRIMAT
                                                                                                                  (INDIRECTLY)
                                          1422
                                          1423
                                                                                               A
                                                                                                                  (PRIMITIVE OF CODE)
                                                             REGISTERS
                                           1424
                                                                                              13
                                                                                                                  (COUNT)
                                          1425
                                                                                               C
                                                                                                                  (TEMPORARY)
                                           1426
                                                                                              14
                                                                                                                  (POINTER)
                                           1427
                                                                                               1...
                                                                                                                  (POINTER)
                                           1.428
                                           1429
                                                         ; 1/0
                                                                                              NONE
                                           1430
                                                                                                                  (SYMBOL TABLE)
                                           1.431
                                                             STIRUCTURES
                                                                                              SYMTAB
                                           1432
0587
                CB47
                                           1.433
                                                         RSYM:
                                                                            BIT
                                                                                        0 , A
                                                                                                                                     ITEST FOR ALL
0589
                                           1434
                                                                                       NZ, RSYMO
                                                                                                                                     JUMP IF ALL
                201E
                                                                            .113
0588
                                                                            CALL FETCH
                CDEDOI
                                           1.435
                                                                                                                                     GET ADDRESS
                                                                                                                                     MASK THE MSB
058E
                E67F
                                           1436
                                                                            CNA
                                                                                       011111118
0590
                                           1437
                                                                            LD
                                                                                                                                     SAVE OFFSET
                6F
                                                                                       L. , A
                                                                                                                                     CLEAR POINTER
0591
                2600
                                           1438
                                                                            1.0
                                                                                       14,0
                                                                                                                                     FOINT TO START
0593
                                           1439
                                                                            LD
                                                                                       BC, SYMTAB
                010014
                                                                                                                                     SHIFT OFFSET
0596
                CB25
                                           1440
                                                                            SLA
                                                                                       I...
0598
                                           1441
                                                                                       H
                                                                                                                                              THREE
                CB14
                                                                            RL.
059A
                                                                            SLA
                                                                                                                                              BITS TO
                CB25
                                           1442
                                                                                       I...
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Listing 1 continued:
                                  RI.
                                       H
                                                                PROPERLY
0590
                   1443
       CB14
                                  SL.A
                                                                COMPUTE THE
                   1444
059E
       CB25
                                       1...
                                                            y
                   1445
                                  Fel.
                                       H
                                                                 OFFSET
0540
       CB14
                                                            JADD BASE ADDRESS
05A2
       09
                   1446
                                  ADD
                                       HL,BC
                                                            FLOAD COUNT
                   1447
                                  L.D
                                       B , 8
05A3
       0608
                                                            FSEND THE DATA
                                  CALL SENDBK
05A5
       CD880A
                   1448
                                                            FRETURN
0548
                   1449
                                  RET
       0.9
                                                            FPOINT TO START
                                  LD
                                       HL, SYMTAB
U5A9
       210014
                   1450
                        RSYMO:
05AC
       0600
                   1.451
                                  LD
                                       B , 0
                                                            *SET COUNT OF 265
                                  CALL SENDEK
                                                            #SEND 256 BYTES
       CD880A
                   1452
05AE
                   1453
                                  CALL SENDBK
                                                            ; SEND 256 BYTES
0581
       CD880A
       CD880A
                   1454
                                  CALL SENDEK
                                                            SEND 256 BYTES
0584
                   1455
                                  CALL SENDEK
                                                            ISEND 256 BYTES
0587
       CD880A
                   1456
                                  RET
                                                            FRETURN
05BA
       0.9
                   1457
                        1458
                   1459
                         ; SYM DISPLAYS A STRING OF SYMBOLS STARTING AT THE
                   1460
                         ; CURRENT XY POSITION. SYM FIRST DETERMINES THE
                   1461
                   1462
                         ; NUMBER OF SYMBOLS, THEN READS IN THE SYMBOL CODE
                   1463
                         ; POINTING TO THE APPROPRIATE SYMTAB ENTRY. XY
                         ; POINTS TO THE LOWER LEFT CORNER OF THE SYMBOL. SYMTAB
                   1464
                   1465
                         ; ENTRIES ARE FETCHED FOR DISPLAY OF THE 8 X 8 MATRIX
                   1466
                          ; WRICH DEFINES THE SYMBOL.
                   1467
                   1468
                           CALLS
                                           FETCH
                   1469
                                           CASE
                   1470
                                           PUT
                   1471
                   1472
                                           PRIMAT
                                                   (INDIRECTLY)
                           CALLED BY
                   1473
                   1474
                           REGISTERS
                                           A
                                                   (PRIMITIVE OF CODE, TEMPORARY)
                   1475
                                           13
                                                    (CASE)
                                           C
                   1476
                                                   (SUCCESS)
                   1477
                                           D
                                                    (ROW COUNT)
                                           E
                                                    (COLUMN COUNT)
                   1478
                                                   (CHARACTER COUNT)
                   1479
                                           1-1
                   1480
                                           1...
                                                   (TEMPORARY)
                   1481
                                           IX
                                                   (INDEX)
                   1482
                                           IY
                                                   (INDEX)
                   1483
                   1484
                          ¥ 1/0
                                           NONE
                   1485
                   1486
                        * STRUCTURES
                                         GDRO
                                                   (X)
                                                    (Y)
                   1487
                                           GDR1
                   1488
                                           GDR2
                                                    (PRIMARY COLOR)
                                                    (SECONDARY COLOR)
                                           GDR3
                   1489
                         ž
                                           GDR5
                                                    (VECTOR MODE)
                   1490
                                                   (SYMBOL TABLE)
                   1491
                                           SYMTAB
                   1492
05BB
       EGOF
                   1493
                         SYM;
                                  AND
                                       00001111B
                                                            MASK THE OF CODE
0580
       67
                   1494
                                  1.0
                                       H.A
                                                            SAVE THE COUNT
                   1495
                                  LD
                                       A, (IX+GDR5)
                                                            FRET THE VECTOR MODE
OSBE
       DDZE05
0501
       002743
                   1496
                                  LD
                                        (IX+REF),A
                                                            SAVE THE REFERENCE
                                                            FORTERMINE THE CASE
0504
       CDAGGZ
                   1497
                                  CALL CASE
                   1498
                                  1.0
                                       C . 1
                                                            JASSUME A SUCCESS
0507
       OEO1
                                       (IX+GDR1)
                                                            FBACK UP ONE SPACE
       003501
                   1499
                                  DEC
0509
05cc
       DDZE00
                   1500
                                  L.D
                                       A, (IX+GDRO)
                                                            FGET X
                                                            #MOVE BACK 8
05CF
       D608
                   1501
                                  SUB
                   1502
                                  LD
                                        (IX+GDRO),A
                                                            FSAVE X
0501
       DD7700
                                  INC
                                        (IX+GDR1)
                                                            *MOVE UP ONE SPACE
                   1503
                         SYMO:
0504
       DD3401
                                       A, (IX+GDRO)
                                                            FGET X
       DD7E00
                   1504
                                  LD
0507
                                  ADD
                                       A , 8
                                                            ¿MOVE AHEAD 8
       0608
                   1505
05DA
                                        (IX+GDRO),A
                                                            FSAVE X
0500
       007700
                   1506
                                  LD
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| Listing I am |                  |                                             |             |          |                      |                                       |   |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Listing 1 co |                  | 1000                                        |             | 1 65     | A U                  | VEET CHARACTER CAUSE                  |   |
| 05DF<br>05E0 | 7C<br>FE00       | 1507                                        |             | LD<br>CP | A,H<br>0             | GET CHARACTER COUNT                   |   |
| 05E0         | CS               | 1508<br>1509                                |             | RET      | Z                    | ≯COMPARE WITH ZERO<br>≯RETURN IF ZERO |   |
| 05E3         | 25               | 1510                                        |             | DEC      | H                    | DECREMENT COUNT                       |   |
| 05E4         | DD7E01           | 1511                                        |             | LD       | A, (lX+GDR1)         | GET Y                                 |   |
| 05E7         | C607             | 1512                                        |             | ADD      | A,7                  |                                       |   |
|              |                  |                                             |             |          |                      | FADD 7                                |   |
| 05E9<br>05EC | 0D7701<br>CDED01 | 1513<br>1514                                |             | LD       | (IX+GDR1),A<br>FETCH | ≯RESTORE Y<br>≯GET CHARACTER CODE     |   |
| OSEF         |                  | 1515                                        |             | AND      | 011111118            | MASK THE HIGH BIT                     |   |
| 05F1         | E67F<br>5F       | 1516                                        |             | LD       |                      | SAVE CODE                             |   |
| 05F2         | 1600             | 1517                                        |             | LD       | E,A<br>D,O           | CLEAR POINTER                         |   |
| 05F2         | CB53             | 1518                                        |             | SLA      | E                    | SHIFT BY                              |   |
| 05F6         | CB12             | 1519                                        |             | RL.      | D                    | 7 THREE                               |   |
| 05F8         | CB23             | 1520                                        |             | SLA      | E                    | BITS TO                               |   |
| 05FA         | CB12             | 1521                                        |             | RL.      | D                    | PROPERLY                              |   |
| 05FC         | CB23             | 1522                                        |             | SLA      | E                    | COMPUTE AN                            |   |
| 05FE         | CB12             | 1523                                        |             | RL       | D                    | ; OFFSET                              |   |
| 0600         | FD210014         | 1524                                        |             | LD       | IY,SYMTAB            | FLOAD THE BASE ADDRESS                |   |
| 0604         | FD19             | 1525                                        |             | ADD      | IY, DE               | FADD THE OFFSET                       |   |
| 0606         | 1608             | 1526                                        |             | LD       | D.8                  | LOAD THE ROW COUNT                    |   |
| 0608         | DD3400           | 1527                                        | SYM1:       | INC      | (IX+GDRO)            | JUPDATE X                             |   |
| 0608         | 7A               | 1528                                        | 30. 1 11 4  | L.1)     | A,D                  | FGET THE COUNT                        |   |
| 0600         | F'E.00           | 1529                                        |             | CF       | 0                    | COMARE WITH ZERO                      |   |
| 060E         | 28C4             | 1530                                        |             | JR       | Z,SYMO               | JUMP IF ZERO                          |   |
| 0610         | DD3500           | 1531                                        |             | DEC      | (IX+GDRO)            | RESTORE THE POSITION                  |   |
| 0613         | 15               | 1532                                        |             | DEC      | D                    | FOTHERWISE DECREMENT                  |   |
| 0614         | FD7E00           | 1533                                        |             | L.D      | A, (IY+0)            | FGET CHARACTER MASK                   |   |
| 0617         | FD23             | 1534                                        |             | INC      | IY                   | FOINT TO NEXT MASK                    |   |
| 0619         | 1E08             | 1.535                                       |             | L.D      | E,8                  | SET COLUMN COUNT                      |   |
| 0618         | 6F               | 1536                                        |             | L.D      | LrA                  | SAVE THE MASK                         |   |
| 0610         | 7B               | 1537                                        | SYM2:       | LD       | A,E                  | FORT THE COLUMN COUNT                 |   |
| 0610         | FEOO             | 1538                                        |             | CP       | 0                    | COMPARE WITH ZERO                     |   |
| 061F         | 200D             | 1539                                        |             | JR       | NZ,SYM3              | JUMP IF NON ZERO                      |   |
| 0621         | DDZE00           | 1540                                        |             | L.D      | A, (IX+GDRO)         | FGET X                                |   |
| 0624         | D608             | 1541                                        |             | SUB      | 8                    | DECREMENT BY 8                        |   |
| 0626         | DD7700           | 1542                                        |             | L.D      | (IX+GDRU),A          | *RESTORE X                            |   |
| 0629         | DD3501           | 1543                                        |             | DEC      | (IX+GDR1)            | FDECREMENT Y                          |   |
| 0620         | 1806             | 1544                                        |             | JR.      | SYM1                 | JUMP TO SYM1                          |   |
| 042E         | 7D               | 1545                                        | SYM3:       | L.D      | A . L.               | RESTORE MASK                          |   |
| 062F         | 1.0              | 1546                                        |             | DEC      | E                    | DECREMENT COLUMN COUN                 | 1 |
| 0630         | CB27             | 1547                                        |             | SLA      | A                    | SHIFT TO CARRY                        |   |
| 0632         | 3806             | 1548                                        |             | JR       | C,SYM4               | JUMP IF CARRY                         |   |
| 0634         | 6F               | 1549                                        |             | LD       | L,A<br>A,(IX+GDR3)   | ;SAVE MASK<br>;LOAD SECONDARY COLOR   |   |
| 0635<br>0638 | DD7503<br>1804   | $\begin{array}{c} 1550 \\ 1551 \end{array}$ |             | LD<br>JR | SYM5                 | JUMP AROUND                           |   |
| 063A         | 6F               | 1552                                        | SYM4:       | LD       | L,A                  | SAVE MASK                             |   |
| 063B         | DD7E02           | 1553                                        | OTHER !     | L.D      | A, (IX+GDR2)         | LOAD FRIMARY COLOR                    |   |
| 063E         | CDZEOA           | 1554                                        | SYM5:       | CALL     |                      | FUT THE POINT                         |   |
| 0641         | DD3400           | 1555                                        | (2) 111/2 4 | INC      | (IX+GDRO)            | ; INCREMENT X                         |   |
|              | . 18D6           | 1556                                        |             | JR       | SYM2                 | JUMP BACK                             |   |
| 0044         | . 10170          | 1557                                        | ž           | 4714     | 5.7 1 1 1 A          | 7 37 37 11 67 11 37 1 3               |   |
|              |                  | 1558                                        |             | *****    |                      | *********                             |   |
|              |                  | 1559                                        | <b>y</b>    |          |                      |                                       |   |
|              |                  |                                             |             |          |                      |                                       |   |
|              |                  | 1561                                        |             |          |                      | VEC FIRST DETERMINES THE              |   |
|              |                  | 1562                                        |             |          |                      | THEN DETERMINES THE NEW               |   |
|              |                  | 1563                                        |             |          |                      | MAY BE COMPUTED ABSOLUTE,             |   |
|              |                  | 1564                                        |             |          |                      | AFTER THE ENDPOINTS ARE               |   |
|              |                  | 1565                                        |             |          |                      | DETERMINED. PLOTTING THEN             |   |
|              |                  | 1566                                        |             |          |                      | CONVERSION ALGORITHM.                 |   |
|              |                  | 1567                                        | 2 PL.OIT    | T14D 22  | TOTO WHEN THE E.     | NDPOINTS ARE REACHED.                 |   |
|              |                  | 1568                                        | Y CALLO     |          | FETCH                |                                       |   |
|              |                  | 1569<br>1570                                | ; CALLS     |          | CASE                 |                                       |   |
|              |                  | T (1 / []                                   | ,           |          | S. P. C. L.          |                                       |   |

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1571
                                              PLOT
                           7
                    1572
                                                       (INDIRECTLY)
                                              PRIMAT
                    1573
                           ; CALLED BY
                    1574
                                                       (PRIMITIVE OF CODE, TEMPORARY)
                    1575
                             REGISTERS
                                              A
                                              13
                                                        (CASE)
                    1576
                                              C
                    1577
                                                       (COUNTER)
                                              0
                                                        (ABSOLUTE DELTA X)
                    1578
                                              E
                                                        (ABSOLUTE DELTA Y)
                    1579
                    1580
                                              14
                                                        (X INCREMENT)
                    1581
                                              1...
                                                        (Y INCREMENT)
                    1582
                                              IX
                                                        (INDEX)
                    1583
                    1584
                              1/0
                                              MONE
                    1585
                                              GDRO
                                                       (X)
                    1586
                             STRUCTURES
                                                        (Y)
                    1587
                                              GDR1
                                                        (PRIMARY COLOR)
                    1588
                                              GDR2
                    1589
                                              GDR3
                                                        (SECONDARY COLOR)
                                              GDR5
                                                        (VECTOR MODE)
                    1590
                                                        (VECTOR VARIABLE)
                    1591
                                              M
                    1592
                                              MM
                                                       (VECTOR VARIABLE)
                                              SX
                                                        (VECTOR VARIABLE)
                    1593
                    1594
                                              SY
                                                       (VECTOR VARIABLE)
                    1595
                    1596
                                     LD
                                          C.A
                                                                 ISAVE THE FLAGS
0646
        4F
                           VEC:
                                          A, (IX+GDRS)
                                                                 FGET THE VECTOR MODE
                                     1.0
0.447
        DD7E05
                    1597
                                                                 SAVE THE REFERENCE
                                     LD
                                           (IX+REF),A
0646
        DD7743
                    1598
                                                                 FGET CURRENT X
                                     1.0
                                          D, (IX+GDRO)
0640
        005300
                    1599
                                          E, (IX+GDR1)
                                                                 FGET CURRENT
0.650
        DD5E01
                    1600
                                     1 ()
0353
        CDEDO1
                    1601
                                     CALL FETCH
                                                                 FULL DATA
0656
        0859
                                     BIT
                                           3,0
                                                                 TTEST FOR LONG
                    1602
                                          NZ:VEIC3
                                                                 JUMP IF LONG
0658
        2036
                    1603
                                     JE
                                     BIT
                                           2,0
                                                                 TEST FOR ABSOLUTE
0356
        CB51
                     1604
                                                                 JUMP IF ABSOLUTE
0650
                    1405
                                     JR
                                          NZ, VEC2
        2022
065E
        FE
                    1308
                                     PUSH AF
                                                                 SAVE DATA
                                                                 FSHIFT OVER
045F
        CB2F
                    1607
                                     SRA
                                          A
                                                                     FOUR PLACES
0661
        CB2F
                    1.608
                                     SRA
                                          A
0663
       CB2F
                    1609
                                     SRA
                                          A
                                                                     TO MASK ALL BUT
0665
        CB2F
                    1610
                                     SRA
                                          A
                                                                     X OFFSET
0667
        CB5F
                    1611
                                     BIT
                                          3 , A
                                                                 FIEST SIGN
                                          Z, VECO
                                                                 FJUMP IF POSITIVE
0669
        2804
                    1612
                                     JR
                                     RES
                                                                 YCLEAR SIGN
0668
        CB9r
                    1613
                                          3 , A
                                                                 INEGATE
                                     NEG
0660
        ED44
                    1614
                                                                 ;ADD THE OFFSET
066F
        82
                    1615
                           VECO:
                                     ADD
                                          AND
                                          D.A
                                                                 SAVE NEW X
                                     LT)
0670
        57
                    1616
                                     POP
                                          AF
                                                                 FRESTORE A
0671
       1- 1
                    1617
                                                                 ; MASK ALL BUT Y OFFSET
0672
        EGOF
                    1618
                                     AND
                                          000011118
                                     BIT
                                                                 FTEST
                                                                        SIGN
0674
       CBSF
                    1619
                                          3,0
                                     JR
                                          Z, VEC1
                                                                 JUMP IF POSITIVE
0676
        2804
                    1620
                                     RES
                                                                 CLEAR SIGN BIT
0678
        CB9F
                    1621
                                           3 , A
0676
                    1.622
                                     NEG
                                                                 FNEGATE
        ED44
                                                                 YADD OFFSET
0670
       83
                    1623
                           VEC1:
                                     ADD
                                          A,E
                                     L.D
                                          E,A
                                                                 ISAVE NEW VALUE
067D
        5F
                    1.624
                                                                 ; JUMP
                    1625
                                     JR
                                          VEC 7
067E
        1832
                                     PUSH AF
                                                                 SAVE A
       FS
                           VEC2:
0880
                    1626
                                                                 SHIFT OVER
                                     SRL
0681
       CB3F
                    1627
                                          Α
                    1.628
                                     SRL
                                          A
                                                                     FOUR PLACES
0683
       CB3F
                                     SRL
                                          0
                                                                     TO MASK ALL BUT
0485
       CB3F
                    1629
                                                                     X VALUE
                                     SRL
                    1630
                                          A
0687
       CB3F
                                                                 ISET NEW VALUE
                    1631
                                    1.10
                                          DAA
0639
        57
                                                                 FRESTORE A
                    1632
                                    FOF
                                          AF
0688
        F 1
                                     AND
                                          000011118
                                                                 MASK ALL BUT Y VALUE
0988
        E60F
                    1633
                                    LD
                                                                 ISET NEW VALUE
0880
        SF
                    1634
                                          E,A
                                                                 JUMP
                                     JR
                                          VEC7
                    1.635
068E
        1822
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| Listing 1 co | ontinued:          |              |                    |           |                      |                                          |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 0690         | 0851               | 1.636        | VEC3:              | BIT       | 2,0                  | TEST FOR ABSOLUTE                        |
| 0692         | 2019               | 1.637        |                    | JR        | NZ,VEC6              | JUMP IF SO                               |
| 0894         | CBZF               | 1638         |                    | BIT       | 7,4                  | FTEST SIGN                               |
| 0393         | 2804               | 1.639        |                    | JR        | Z,VEC4               | JUMP IF POSITIVE                         |
| 0698         | CBBF               | 1640         |                    | RES       | 7,A                  | FCLEAR SIGN                              |
| 069A         | ED 44              | 1641         | 4 /US ID IS        | NEG       |                      | ; NEGATE                                 |
| 069C         | 82                 |              | VEC4:              | ADD       | A,D                  | ;ADD OFFSET                              |
| 0690         | 57                 | 1643         |                    | L.D       | DyA                  | SAVE NEW VALUE                           |
| 069E         | CDED01             | 1644         |                    |           | FETCH                | GET NEW VALUE                            |
| 06A1<br>06A3 | 087F<br>2804       | 1645<br>1646 |                    | BIT       |                      | TEST SIGN JUMP IF POSITIVE               |
| 06A5         | C88F               | 1647         |                    | RES       | 7,A                  | CLEAR SIGN                               |
| 06A7         | ED44               | 1648         |                    | NEG       | 7 7 17               | NEGATE                                   |
| 0669         | 83                 |              | VEC5;              |           | ArE                  | ;ADD OFFSET                              |
| 0666         | 5F                 | 1650         |                    | L.D       | E,A                  | SAVE NEW VALUE                           |
| 06AB         | 1805               | 1651         |                    | JR        | VEC7                 | ) JUMP                                   |
| 06AD         | 57                 | 1.652        | VEC6:              | L.D       | D,A                  | SAVE NEW VALUE                           |
| OSAE         | CDED01             | 1653         |                    | CALL      | FETCH                | FGET NEW VALUE                           |
| 06B1         | 5F                 | 1654         |                    | L.D       | E,A                  | SAVE NEW VALUE                           |
| 0682         | CB 49              | 1655         | VEC7:              | BIT       |                      | FTEST COLOR                              |
| 0684         | 2005               | 1.656        |                    | JR        | NZ,VEC8              | JUMP IF SECONDARY                        |
|              | DDZEO2             | 1657         |                    |           | A, (IX+GDR2)         | LOAD PRIMARY COLOR                       |
| 0689         | 1803<br>007803     | 1358         | uraa.              | JR        | VEC9<br>A,(IX+GDR3)  | JUMP AROUND<br>JLOAD SECONDARY COLOR     |
| 068B<br>06BE | DD7E03<br>DD7749   |              | VEC8:<br>VEC9:     |           | (IX+COLOR),A         | *CAHE THE CALAR                          |
| 0601         | 0E00               | 1661         | Y L. L. / 1        | LD        | 0,0                  | ;SAVE THE COLOR<br>;CLEAR THE COUNTER    |
| 0603         | E5                 | 1662         |                    |           | HL.                  | SAVE H AND L                             |
| 0604         | 05                 | 1663         |                    | PUSH      | BC                   | SAVE B AND C                             |
| 0605         | 66                 | 1.664        |                    | L.D       | L , D<br>H , O       | GET X ENDPOINT                           |
| 0606         | 2600               | 1.665        |                    | LD        | H,0                  | ₹GET X ENDPOINT<br>₹CLEAR H              |
| 0.608        | DD4E00.            | 1666         |                    | L.D       |                      | FGET X                                   |
| 0608         | 0600               | 1667         |                    | L.D       |                      | FCLEAR B                                 |
| 0.900        | ۸F                 | 1668         |                    | XOR       | <b>^</b>             | ;CLEAR CARRY                             |
| U6CE         | ED42               | 1669         |                    | SBC       | HL,BC                | ; SUBTRACT                               |
| 0600         | FAD906             | 1670         |                    | JP        | M, VEC10             | JUMP IF BORROW                           |
| 0303<br>0307 | DD364701<br>1808   | 1671<br>1672 |                    | L.D       | (IXFSX),1<br>VEC11   | FSET SIGN OF X 1 FJUMF AROUND            |
| 0307         |                    |              | UECTOX             | JR<br>LD  |                      |                                          |
| 0400         | 7D                 | 1476         | VEC10:             | L.D       | A,L                  | ;SET SIGN OF X -1<br>;GET THE DIFFERENCE |
| 0606         | ED44               | 1675         |                    | NEG       | 1176                 | GET ABSOLUTE VALUE                       |
| 03E0         | őF                 |              |                    | L.D       | LA                   | RESTORE THE DIFFERENCE                   |
| 06E1         | 55                 | 1.677        | VEC11:             | LD        | D > L                | SAVE DELTA X                             |
| 0362         | 613                | 1.678        |                    | L.D       | L, E.                | FGET Y                                   |
| USE3         | 2600               | 1679         |                    | L.D       | H, O                 | YCLEAR H                                 |
| 0665         | OD4E01             | 1.680        |                    | L.D       | C, (IX+GDR1)         | GET Y                                    |
| 06E8         | 0600               | 1681         |                    | L.D       | B + O                | FOLEAR B                                 |
| 03EA         | AF<br>CD 40        | 1682         |                    | XOR       | A                    | CLEAR THE CARRY                          |
| 0.688        | ED42               | 1683         |                    | SBC       | HL7BC                | SUBTRACT                                 |
| 06ED<br>06E0 | FAF606<br>DD364801 | 1684<br>1685 |                    | JP<br>LD  | M,VEC12<br>(IX+SY),1 | <pre>#JUMP IF BORROW #LOAD+1</pre>       |
| 06F4         | 1808               | 1686         |                    | JR        | VEC13                | JUMP AROUND                              |
| 06F6         | DD3648FF           | 1687         | VEC12:             | LD        | (IX+SY),-1           | FLOAD -1                                 |
| USFA         | 70                 | 1688         | V has the distance | L.D       | A,L                  | GET THE DIFFERENCE                       |
| O6FB         | ED44               | 1689         |                    | NEG       |                      | *NEGATE THE DELTA                        |
| 0.6FD        | 6F                 | 1690         |                    | LD        | L,A                  | RESTORE THE DIFFERENCE                   |
| 06FE         | 5D                 | 1691         | VEC13:             | LD        | E.L                  | SAVE DELTA Y                             |
| OGFF         | 6B                 | 1692         |                    | L.D       | L,E                  | RESTORE DELTA Y                          |
| 0700         | 2800               | 1693         |                    | LD        | H + O                | CLEAR H                                  |
| 0702         | 46                 | 1694         |                    | L.D       | C, D                 | GET DELTA X                              |
| 0703<br>0705 | 0600<br>AF         | 1695<br>1696 |                    | LD<br>XOR | B,0                  | ;CLEAR B<br>;CLEAR CARRY                 |
| 0705         | ED42               | 1697         |                    | SBC       | HL,BC                | SUBTRACT                                 |
| 0708         | FA1307             | 1698         |                    | JP        | M, VEC14             | JUMP IF BORROW                           |
| 0708         | 007345             | 1699         |                    | LD        | (IX+MM),E            | LOAD Y                                   |
| 070E         | DD7246             | 1700         |                    | 1()       | (IX+MN),D            | ; LOAD X                                 |
|              |                    |              |                    |           |                      |                                          |

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| Listing 1 co                             |                | 4 1275 4          |             | 11%          | UCCAC                  | JUMP AROUND                    |
| 0711                                     |                | Ma 45 - 251 - 251 | LIFE Cod Co | JR           | VEC15                  |                                |
| 0713                                     | DD7245         | 1702              | VEC14:      | LD           | (IX+MM),D              | ;LOAD X<br>;LOAD Y             |
| 0716                                     | 007346         | 1703              | VEC15:      | LD<br>LD     | (IX+MN),E<br>A,(IX+MM) |                                |
| 0719                                     | DD7E45<br>CB3F | 1704              | VEGLU:      | SRL          | A                      | DIVIDE BY 2                    |
| 0/10<br>0/1E                             | DD7744         | 1703              |             | L.D          | (IX÷M),A               | SAVE 11                        |
| 0711                                     | UU//54<br>U1   | 1707              |             | POP          | BC                     | FRESTORE B AND C               |
| 0722                                     | E1             | 1708              |             | F'OF'        | HL.                    | FRESTORE H AND L               |
| 0723                                     | CDAOO7         | 1700              |             |              | CACE                   | FGET THE CURRENT CASE          |
| 0726                                     |                |                   | VEC16:      | L.D          |                        | FRET THE COLOR                 |
| 0729                                     | C5             | 1711              | 7 44 10 10  | PUSH         |                        | SAVE BC                        |
| 072A                                     | D5             | 1712              |             | FUSH         |                        | SAVE DE                        |
| 0728                                     | r s            | 1713              |             | PUSH         |                        | SAVE HL                        |
| 0720                                     | CD3FOA         | 1714              |             | CALL         | F'LOT                  | FLOT THE POINT                 |
| 072F                                     | E1             | 1715              |             | POP          | HL.                    | FRESTORE HL                    |
| 0730                                     | D 1.           | 1716              |             | F'OF         | DE                     | SUPERTORE OF                   |
| 0731                                     | C 1.           | 1717              |             | POP          | BC<br>A,(IX4MM)        | FRESTORE BC                    |
| 0732                                     | DDZE45         | 1718              |             | L.D          | A, (IX3MM)             | JOET MM                        |
| 0735                                     | 89             | 1719              |             | 1312         | $\Gamma$               | COMPARE MM                     |
| 0736                                     | 2001           | 1720              |             | JR           |                        |                                |
| 0738                                     | C9             | 1721              |             | RET          |                        | FRETURN                        |
| 0739                                     | E.5            | 1722              | VEC17:      | PUSH         | HL.                    | FSAVE H AND L                  |
| 073A                                     | 0.5            | 1723              |             | PUSH         |                        | SAVE B AND C                   |
| 0738                                     | DD8E44         | 1724              |             | L.D          |                        | 7 GET M                        |
| 073E                                     | 2600           | 1725              |             | 11)          | H,O                    | CLEAR H                        |
| 0740                                     | DD4E46         | 1726              |             | L.D          | C, (1X4MN)             | FRET MN                        |
| 0743                                     | 0600           | 1727              |             | L.D          | 8,0                    | FCLEAR B                       |
| 0740                                     | 0.9            | 1728              |             | ADD          | HL,BC                  | ≯ADD M÷MN                      |
| 0746                                     | DD4E45         | 1729              |             | LD           | C, (IX+MM)             |                                |
| 0749                                     | 0400           | 1230              |             | LD           | 8.0                    |                                |
| 0748                                     | AF             | 1731              |             | XOR          | A                      | CLEAR CARRY                    |
| 0740                                     | ED42           | 1732              |             | SBC          | HL,BC<br>M,VEC18       | ;SUBTRACT<br>;JUMP IF MINUS    |
| 0740                                     | FASE07         | 1733<br>1734      |             | JP<br>LD     | (IX+W) + F             |                                |
| 0751<br>0754                             |                | 1735              |             | POP          | BC                     | FRESTORE B AND C               |
| 0754                                     | C 1.<br>E 1    | 1736              |             | F'OF'        | HL                     | RESTORE H AND L                |
| 0755                                     | DD6E48         | 1737              |             | LD           | L, (IX+SY)             | GET INC Y                      |
| 0759                                     | DD6647         | 1738              |             | L.D          | H, (IX+SX)             | FRET INC X                     |
| 075C                                     | 1819           | 1739              |             | JR           | VEC20                  | ; JUMP                         |
| 075E                                     | 0.9            |                   | VEC18:      | ADD          | HL,BC                  | *RESTORE M                     |
|                                          | DD 2544        | 1741              |             |              | (IX+M),L               | ;SAVE M                        |
| 0762                                     | C 1            | 1742              |             | POP          | BC                     | FRESTORE B AND C               |
| 0763                                     | EL             | 1743              |             | POP          | HL.                    | FRESTORE H AND L               |
| 0764                                     | 200            | 1744              |             | L.D          | L,0                    | CLEAR L                        |
| 0766                                     | 2600           | 1745              |             | L.D          | H , O                  | CLEAR POINTER                  |
| 0768                                     | DDZE45         | 1746              |             | L.D          | A, (1X+MM)             | GET MM                         |
| 0768                                     | BA             | 1.747             |             | CP           | D                      | COMPARE WITH DELTA X           |
| 0760                                     | 2003           | 1748              |             | JR           | NZ,VEC19               | JUMP IF NOT EQUAL              |
| 076E                                     | DD6647         | 1749              |             | L.D          | H,(IX+SX)              | SAVE VALUE                     |
| 0771                                     | E/E/           | 1750              | VEC19:      | CF'          | E.                     | COMPARE WITH DELTA Y           |
| 0772                                     | 2003           | 1751              |             | JR           | NZ,VEC2O               | JUMP IF NOT EQUAL              |
| 0774                                     | DD6E48         | 1752              |             | LD           | L.,(IX+SY)             | ;LOAD SY                       |
| 0777                                     | DDZEOO         | 1753              | VEC20:      | LD           | A, (IX+GDRO)           | FGET X                         |
| 077A                                     | 84             | 1754              |             | ADD          | A,H                    | ; ADD INCREMENT                |
| 0778                                     | 007700         | 1755              |             | L.D          | (IX+GDRO),A            | ; RESTORE X                    |
| 077E                                     | DD7E01         | 1756              |             | L.D          | A, (IX+GDR1)           | GET Y<br>GADD INCREMENT        |
| 0781                                     | 85             | 1757              |             | ADD          | A.L.                   | RESTORE Y                      |
| 0782<br>0785                             | DD7701<br>OC   | 1758<br>1759      |             | L.D<br>I.N.C | (IX+GDR1),A<br>C       | FINCREMENT COUNT               |
| 0783                                     | 189E           | 1760              |             | JR           | VEC16                  | JUMP AROUND                    |
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|                                          |                | 1765              | 3 WAITT     | NG FOI       | R A SPECIFIED N        | UMBER OF FRAMES. WAIT FIRST    |
|                                          |                |                   |             |              |                        | Listing 1 continued on page 34 |

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                                                       ; GETS THE COUNT FROM EITHER THE PRIMITIVE ITSELF OR,
                                          1767
                                                       ; IF THE EXTEND BIT IS ON, FROM THE NEXT BYTE. GDR4
                                                           (FRAME COUNT) IS SET TO -COUNT AND WAIT THEN LOOPS
                                          1768
                                          1769
                                                            UNTIL THE FRAME COUNT GOES TO ZERO.
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                                                                                            FETCH
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0788
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078A
                2805
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                                                                          CALL FETCH
0780
                CDED01
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                                                                                     WAIT1
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                DD7E04
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                                                       WAIT2:
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                                                                                     A, (IX+GDR4)
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                                                            IF A VIEWPORT IS NOT REFERENCED, CASE EXITS. OTHER-
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                                                            WISE, CASE IS SET IN REGISTER B.
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07A1
                FDE5
                                          1827
                                                                          PUSH IY
                                                                                                                                  SAVE IY
07A3
                E5
                                          1828
                                                                          PUSH HL
                                                                                                                                  ISAVE H AND L
07A4
                0.5
                                          1829
                                                                          PUSH DE
                                                                                                                                 ISAVE D AND E
                                          1830
                                                                          LD
                                                                                     8,0
                                                                                                                                  ; ASSUME CASE O
                0600
07A5
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#### Listing 1 continued:

| 07A7<br>07AB<br>07AD<br>07AE | DDCB434E<br>2806<br>D1<br>E1 | 1831<br>1832<br>1833<br>1834 |        | BIT<br>JR<br>POP<br>POP | 1,(IX+REF)<br>Z,CASEO<br>DE<br>HL | TEST REFERENCE JUMP IF NOT SET TRESTORE D AND E TRESTORE H AND L |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 07AF                         | FDE1 :                       | 1835                         |        | POP                     | IY                                | FRESTORE STACK                                                   |
| 0.787                        | F 1                          | 1836                         |        | FOF                     | ΛF                                | FRESTORE STACK                                                   |
| 0782                         | 09                           | 1837                         |        | RET                     |                                   | ; RETURN                                                         |
| 0783                         | FD218610                     |                              | CASEO  | L.D                     |                                   |                                                                  |
| 0797                         |                              | 1839                         |        | BIT                     | O, (IX+REF)                       | TEST REFERENCE                                                   |
| 07BB                         | 2804                         |                              |        |                         |                                   | JUMP IF NOT SET                                                  |
| 0780                         | FD218A10                     | 1841                         |        | LD                      | IY,STRUCT+GDR10                   |                                                                  |
| 0701                         | FD8E02                       |                              | DASELI |                         | L,(JY+2)                          |                                                                  |
| 0704                         | 2600                         | 1843                         |        | L.D                     | H + O                             | FCLEAR H                                                         |
| 0708                         | CECS                         | 1844                         |        | SET                     | 1 , B                             | FSET BIT 1                                                       |
| 0708                         | FD5E00                       | 1845                         |        | L.D                     | E,(IY+0)                          | FORT LEFT X                                                      |
| 07CB                         | 1.600                        | 1846                         |        | L.D                     | D,0                               | CLEAR D                                                          |
| 0200                         | AF                           |                              |        | XOR                     | Α                                 | CLEAR CARRY                                                      |
| 07CE                         | ED52                         |                              |        | SBC                     | HL, DE                            | SUBTRACT                                                         |
| 0700                         | FADSO7                       | 1849                         |        | JP                      | M,CASE2                           | SUMIN IF MINUS                                                   |
| 0703                         | CB88                         | 1850                         |        | RES                     | 1 + B                             | FRES BIT 1                                                       |
| 0705                         | FD6E03                       |                              | CASE2* |                         | L,(IY+3)                          | FGET RIGHT Y                                                     |
| 0708                         | 2600                         | 1852                         |        | LD                      | H, 0                              | YCLEAR H                                                         |
| 070A                         | CBCO                         | 1853                         |        | SET                     | 0.B                               | SET BIT O                                                        |
| 07DC                         | FD5E01                       | 1.854                        |        | LD                      | E, (IY+1)                         |                                                                  |
| 070F                         | 1600                         | 1855                         |        | LD                      | D × O                             | CLEAR D                                                          |
| 07E.1                        | AF                           | 1856                         |        | XOR                     | A                                 | CLEAR CARRY                                                      |
| 07E2                         | E052                         | 1857                         |        | SBC                     | HL,DE                             | #SUBTRACT                                                        |
| 07E4                         | FAE907                       | 1858                         |        | JP<br>nrc               | M,CASE3                           | JUMP IF MINUS                                                    |
| 0767                         | CB80                         | 1859                         | CACCA  | RES                     | 0.18                              | FRES BIT OF AND E                                                |
| 07E9                         | Di                           | 1000                         | CASE3: | FOF.                    | DE                                | THE STORE D HIND E                                               |

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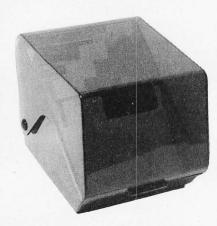
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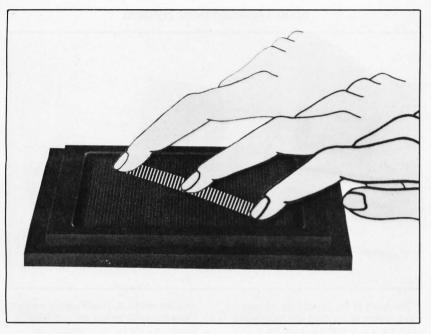
## Graphics for the Apple

United Software of America has a three-dimensional high-resolution graphics package for the Apple II called Apple World, which is a text-editorbased color graphics package. The program comes with a manual and requires any Apple II or Apple II Plus with 48 K bytes of programmable memory and a floppy-disk drive. It is written in machine code. The price is \$59.95 from United Software of America, 750 Third Ave, New York NY 10017, (212) 682-0347.

dimensional out-the-window view of flight. The view updates at an average of three times per second. The animation and flight characteristics allow the non-pilot to learn basic flight control. The FS1 instrument panel contains all the instruments required under part 91 of the Federal Aviation Regulations for visual flight. The FS1 includes a stall warning, turn indicator, radar screen, ammunition indicator, and control position indicators. Controls include throttle, brakes, bomb drop, machine guns, high/low world, and declare war. The T80 features a downward map selector. The A2 includes a keyboard/paddle selector. The FS1 requires 16 K bytes of memory. The programs cost \$25. The A2 is available on disk for \$33.50. Contact SubLOGIC, POB V, Savoy IL 61874, (217) 359-8482.

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## **MISCELLANEOUS**



#### X,Y Positioning Device Operates by Fingertip Glide

TASA (Touch Activated Switch Arrays Inc) has introduced this alternative for trackballs and other two-dimensional controllers that provide coarse and fine position adjustment by changing fingertip speed. The X,Y controller produces X,Y positioning signals when a finger is moved across its surface. It can be interfaced with plotters, video displays and other devices. The unit uses 70% less space than trackballs, has no moving parts, and is environ-

mentally sealed. The 10.2 by 10.2 cm (4 by 4 inch) surface can be traversed at up to 60 inches per second without loss of resolution. Rapid finger movement can give coarse control; slow movement offers fine control. The Model 4460 X, Y Positioner is priced under \$500 in OEM (original equipment manufacturer) quantities. For information, contact TASA Inc, 2346 Walsh Ave, Santa Clara CA 95051, (408) 727-8272.

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#### MC68000 Development Boards Extend EXORmacs Systems

Motorola has introduced four MC68000 modules for use with the EXORmacs system. The User System Emulator (USE) provides the connection between the user's nondebugged hardware/software system and the diagnostic power within the EXORmacs itself. The extension provides the debug functions of MACSbug and the symbolic debugger SYMbug, along with the filemanagement and memory-storage capability of EXORmacs. USE consists of the USE Control Module, Buffer Box, and interface cable. The price is \$1500. The VERSAbus dynamic-memory modules include a special addressing for placement of memory in both the system and the user's map throughout the 16-megabyte range of the MC68000 microprocessor. A parity feature is provided. Prices for 32 K- to 128 K-byte memory modules range from \$1400 to \$3500. The VERSAbus Adapter Module board plugs into EXORmacs bus slots and provides an interface between the 8-bit EXORbus modules and the 16-bit VERSAbus. The modules also provide user-selectable interrupt levels and controls required by the VERSAbus interrupt scheme. The price is \$295. For more information on these and other EXORmacs products, contact Motorola Semiconductor Products Inc, POB 20912, Phoenix AZ 85036, (602) 962-2209.

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#### ASCII Encoded Keyboard Kit

The JE610 ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) Encoded Keyboard kit comes with a sixtytwo-key keyboard switch assembly, integrated circuits, sockets, connector, electronic components, and a doublesided printed-circuit board. Wiring instructions and circuit diagrams are included. The full 128-character ASCII set can be generated. Two user-defined keys are provided, as is a caps lock for uppercase. The keyboard assembly requires +5 VDC at 150 mA and -12 VDC at 10 mA for operation. Interfacing is accomplished by an integrated circuit or an eighteen-pin edge card connector. The suggested retail price is \$79.95. The DTE-AK enclosure is available for \$49.95. Contact Jameco Electronics, 1355 Shoreway Rd, Belmont CA 94002, (415) 592-8097.

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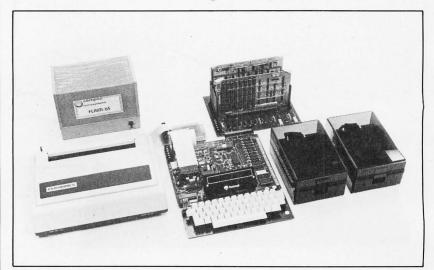
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# Three New Computers from Radio Shack

The TRS-80 Model III is available in several configurations, and it ranges in price from \$699 for the 4 K-byte version (expandable to 32 K bytes) to \$2495 for units with 313 K bytes of disk storage. It is compatible with Model I TRS-80s and features Model III BASIC. Features included are: uppercase and lowercase on the video display, a printer interface, the capability to add two double-density floppy-disk drives, and more. The TRS-80 Pocket Computer weighs 6 ounces and is less than 7 inches long. It is able to do most of the smaller jobs the TRS-80 Model I computer can do. The Pocket Computer features power-off retention of programs and data. The resident BASIC includes multiple statements, mathematics functions, editing, strings, arrays, and more. The price is \$249. The TRS-80 Color Computer provides color graphics and features Program Pak software that enables the user to set up the computer for a variety of educational and recreational purposes. It features a television modulator, provides high-resolution modes, and can be expanded to 16 K bytes of memory. The price is \$399. For more information, contact Radio Shack, 1800 One Tandy Center, Ft Worth TX 76102, (817) 390-3272, or visit your local participating Radio Shack dealer.

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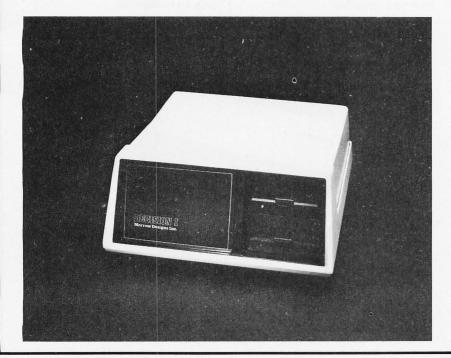
#### 6500 Development System



The heart of the FLAIM/65 development system is the AIM-65 single-board microcomputer manufactured by Rockwell International. The AIM-65 provides a 20-character alphanumeric display, thermal printer, and a keyboard. An expansion motherboard provides five card slots compatible with the Motorola EXORcisor bus. Dual 5-inch floppy-disk drives provide 160 K bytes of programmable-memory storage. The disk operating system is contained in EPROM (erasable programmable read-

only memory). A power supply and a Centronics 730 printer are provided. Software includes an assembler and compiler. PL/65, built in to ROM (read-only memory), is a systems language designed specifically for the 6500 family. A complete FLAIM/65 system is priced at \$3705 from Compas Microsystems, 224 SE 16th St, Ames IA 50010, (515) 232-8187.

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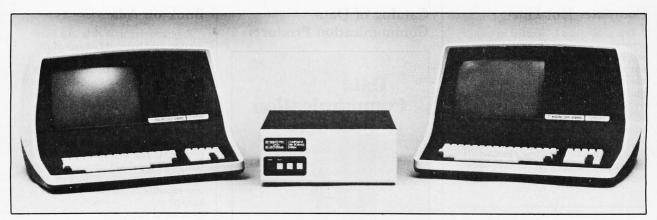


# The Decision 1 Microcomputer

Morrow Designs, 5221 Central Ave, Richmond CA 94804, (415) 524-2101, has announced the Decision 1, a multitasking, IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) standard S-100 bus microcomputer that costs under \$5000 in a four-user configuration. The machine is designed for the word-processing and the business data-processing industries. The computer features a Z80 microprocessor, a UNIX-compatible operating system that runs CP/M as a subsystem, and business-applications and word-processing packages. The memory-management hardware includes a memory map that supports up to sixteen tasks without swapping. The system can support dual 800 K-byte 5-inch floppy-disk drives, dual 1.2-megabyte 8-inch drives, and a 26-megabyte Winchester hard disk.

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### Multi-User Microcomputer System

The CompuStar Multi-User system consists of a network of video-display terminals which employ individual microprocessors and dynamic programmable memory. The terminals are tied together in a network fashion to share the resources of a single Winchester or other hard-disk device. The system shares disk drives while allowing individual users the capability to maintain restricted data bases. The system architecture is based around one of three disk

storage systems. A 10-megabyte Shugart-type Winchester 8-inch drive is offered for \$3995. Also offered as disk storage options are a 32- or 96-megabyte cartridge module drive. The 32-megabyte model is \$11,995; the 96-megabyte model is \$14,995. The multi-user systems can accept up to 255 video terminals in a single network. Each terminal, manufactured by Intertec, has twin RS-232 serial ports for printers and other peripherals. Video terminals range

in price from \$2495 for a 12-inch, 64 K-byte unit, to a dual double-sided, double-density floppy-disk drive, 12-inch unit that can store 1.5 megabytes of data. This terminal costs \$4995. One of the basic units, allowing printer interfacing, costs \$1995. For more information on the CompuStar System, contact Intertec Data Systems, 2300 Broad River Rd, Columbia SC 29210, (803) 798-9100.

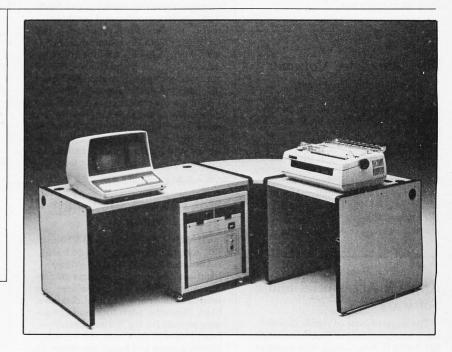
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#### Mercator Microcomputer

The MBS 4000 uses a 16-bit microprocessor, and the system bus is compatible with the Intel Multibus. The basic configuration includes an 8-inch Winchester disk drive and tape cartridge backup. The minimum memory configuration provides 128 K bytes of programmable memory (expandable to 256 K), with error checking and correcting logic, and 4 K bytes of PROM (programmable read-only memory). The system includes a 400 W switching power supply. Eight serial RS-232 ports and a parallel printer port are included. A disk-expansion port and a Multibus expansion port are optional. Contact Mercator Business Systems, 2378A Walsh Ave, Santa Clara CA 95051, (408) 496-0424. Circle 419 on inquiry card.

# Business Systems from CMC

CMC Marketing Corporation, 10611 Harwin, Suite 406, Houston TX 77036, (713) 995-4960, has introduced a line of computer systems for small and large businesses and for word-processing applications. These systems are built around the Z80A microprocessor and feature the S-100 bus. Systems can be configured with floppy-disk storage of up to 4 megabytes and hard-disk storage



of up to 28 megabytes. All systems can utilize the CP/M operating system. The word-processing systems, as well as the other systems, use the Magic Wand word-processing program, with an NEC Spinwriter printer. The System 100 series for small businesses offers RS-232 and parallel ports for use with a variety

of printers and peripherals. Microsoft BASIC is built in. The System 200 series can support up to eight work stations. It uses the Shugart SA4000 Winchester hard disk with 14 to 28 megabytes of storage. For additional details, contact the company.

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Computer Hot Line

This publication is devoted to computer users who want to buy systems, peripherals and other related components. Advertisements from major manufacturers are included, along with a help wanted section. Subscription rates are \$45.90 for one year of first class delivery and \$28.60 for regular mail delivery. Contact Hot Line Inc, POB 1373, Fort Dodge IA 50501, (800) 247-2244, ext 27, from Iowa or Canada call (515) 573-8133.

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#### Matrix Printer Brochure

A brochure describing microprocessorcontrolled dot-matrix printers for general and special applications is available from Dataroyal Inc, 235 Main Dunstable Rd, Nashua NH 03061, (603) 883-4157. The brochure details the Dataroyal IPS 5000 series of matrix printers for use with small-business systems and the 7000 series capable of printing bar code and variable size labels.

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#### **IEE Conference Volume**

Communications Equipment and Systems contains information on public telecommunications: switching and networks; transmission and data; data- and business-communications systems: intelligent terminals and emergency communications: systems; and equipment. The price is \$41.50 from The Marketing Department, The Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE), Station House, Nightingale Rd, Hitchin, Hertford, SG5 1RJ England.

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# Apple II Accessories and Software

The Buyers Guide of Apple II Software, Accessories, and Supplies contains 500 Apple II programs, a wide range of accessories, supplies, and books. The Buyers Guide sells for \$3 and a certificate worth \$3 off the first purchase is supplied. Contact Wallace Computers, Accessories and Supplies Inc, 1024 W Willcox, Peoria IL 61604, (309) 685-7876.

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#### Catalog of Data Communication Products



International Data Sciences Inc, 7 Wellington Rd, Lincoln RI 02865, (401) 333-6200, the manufacturer of Range Rider Modem/TDM Test Sets, Hawk 4000 Datatraps, MiniTech EIA (Electronic Industries Association) patch, monitor, switching modules, and Mini-Test interface monitor and breakout panels, is offering free copies of its 1980 Catalog of Data Communication Products. The catalog features the company's data test sets for synchronous and asynchronous modems, EIA and telephone line patch, monitor, and switching modules for technical control centers; data cables; error detection devices, and more. Also featured is the Model 65/60, the company's battery-operated modem test set and breakout panel combined. Circle 425 on inquiry card.

#### OSI Releases Challenger III Service Manual

OSI (Ohio Scientific), 1333 Chillicothe Rd, Aurora OH 44202, (216) 562-3101, in conjunction with Howard W Sams Inc, has released the Challenger III Service Manual. This manual includes schematic diagrams, pictorial diagrams, block diagrams, parts lists, and component pinouts for the thirteen circuit boards used in the Challenger systems. Memory maps and board placement diagrams are also included. One important feature of the manual is the fold-outs which spread up to eight pages in width. This and other OSI manuals are available from Ohio Scientific dealers. For the name of your local dealer, call (800) 321-6850.

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#### Book on Ada

Programming with Ada: An Introduction by Means of Graduated Examples, by Peter Wegner, is available from the Computer Bookstore, POB 556, Shalimar FL 32579, (904) 242-6439. Developed for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Ada is a multipurpose high-level language designed to meet the needs of numerical, system programming, and real-time applications, and which supports modularity and top-down program design. This book contains a history of Ada and explains its features. The price is \$13.95.

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#### Brochure Describes TABOL III a Business Language

TABOL III, a publication describing a new business language for building business analysis and reporting systems, is available from the General Electric News Bureau, 8150 Leesburg Pike, Suite 510, Vienna VA 22180, (202) 637-4557. This brochure discusses TABOL III and its applications involving the development, manipulation, and presentation of data in a tabular format. Applications concerning finance, manufacturing and sales, and marketing are also covered.

### Books from Hayden

Hayden Book Company Inc, 50 Essex St, Rochelle Park NJ 07662, has introduced two books and two software programs. *Programmable Pocket Calculators* covers many of the Hewlett-Packard calculators and costs \$8.95. *Microprocessor Software Design* is a compilation of articles from *Electronic Design* and is priced at \$11.95.

The first program is an Apple assembly-language development system with an assembler, editor, and formatter for the Apple II disk system with 24 K bytes of memory. It costs \$39.95. The second program is Blackjack Master: A Simulator/Tutor/Game for the TRS-80 computer. The 16 K version is \$19.95 and the 32 K disk version is \$24.95.

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Queue Catalog

Queue's Catalog #3 is a directory of educational software available for the Apple II, TRS-80, PET, and Atari computers. Programs from over forty educational software publishers are described and grouped together by computer, subject matter, and grade level. All the programs can be ordered through Queue. The catalog is \$8.95 from Queue, 5 Chapel Hill Dr, Fairfield CT 06432.

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# Tool Kits, Cases, and Test Equipment

A catalog from Specialized Products Company, 2324 Shorecrest Dr, Dallas TX 75235, (214) 358-4663, features tools, test equipment, and cases from Fluke, Beckman, and other manufacturers. Contact the company for a copy.

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# CP/M Software Summary Guide

Rainbow Associates, POB 35, Glastonbury CT 06025, has published the CP/M Software Summary Guide, a guide to the major software systems used on most CP/M systems. Included are summaries of the CP/M operating system, Microsoft BASIC, CBASIC, and the CP/M utilities DESPOOL, MAC, and TEX. The CP/M summary covers system commands and utilities with explanations and examples. Error codes for CBASIC-1, CBASIC-2, and BASIC-E are summarized. Examples and definitions explain the utilities offered by Digital Research. The price is \$3.75.

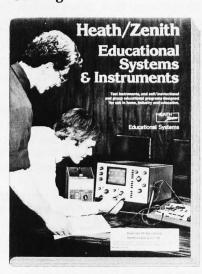
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#### Math Guidebook

Calculator Calculus, by Professor George McCarty, details a system for learning and teaching mathematics through computation. Algorithms produce numerical examples for limit processes, differentiation, integration, and sums of series. Programs are suitable for hand-held calculators and larger systems. Numerical techniques such as Newton's method, Padé approximation, and Fourier series are included. The price is \$14.95, from EduCALC Publications, Department BY, POB 974, Laguna Beach CA 92652, (714) 497-3600.

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# Systems and Instruments Catalog



A free catalog describing educational programs and test instruments for schools, industry, government, and self-instruction, has been published by the Heath Company, Benton Harbor MI 49022, (616) 982-3210. This edition has information on self- and group-instruction college-level programs in electronics, microprocessors, and computer programming. The catalog features product descriptions and specifications on test instruments. Programs listed in this catalog are offered by Heath/Zenith Educational Systems.

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# The Fifth Edition of the TRS-80 Software Directory

The fifth edition of the TRS-80 Software Directory is available from ComputerMat, POB 1644A, Lake Havasu AZ 86403, (602) 855-3357. This edition has over 7000 listings of Model I and II software, and includes the names and addresses of over 600 software suppliers. One section is devoted to Model II software for businesses, another to mathematics and utility programs. The catalog gives information on program titles, short descriptions, BASIC needed, memory required, class, cost, and the program medium. The price is \$7 per issue in the US, which includes postage. Canadian and foreign orders are \$9. Distributors and suppliers of TRS-80 software can be listed in the directory at no charge by sending ComputerMat their latest catalog.

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#### Alpha Micro Business Systems

A brochure introducing Alpha Micro's business-computer systems is available. The systems are multitasking, multiuser, and time-sharing. Software includes languages such as AlphaBASIC and AlphaPascal, word-processing and text-formatting applications, and over 150 separate utility programs and subroutines, including utilities for sorting, spooling, and file handling. Contact Alpha Micro, 17881 Sky Park N, Irvine CA 92713, (714) 641-0386, for a copy of the brochure.

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#### Universal Semiconductor Cross-Reference Guide

This cross-reference guide includes Zenith semiconductor devices that replace more than 158,000 currently used devices. The guide allows service technicians to use Zenith semiconductors in color and black and white televisions, stereo systems, radios, and personal and business computers. Contact Zenith Radio Corporation, 1000 Milwaukee Ave, Glenview IL 60025, (312) 391-8181.

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### CompuMart Catalog

CompuMart Corporation, POB 568, Department 333, Cambridge MA 02139, (617) 491-2700, has published a thirty-six-page catalog of microcomputers and peripherals. The catalog features Digital Equipment Corporation's LSI-11 hardware, Apple, Atari, Commodore, Heath, Exidy, and Texas Instruments systems and peripherals. Books on different aspects of microcomputers are also included in this catalog. The catalog can be obtained free of charge from the CompuMart Corporation.

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#### BASIC Self-Teaching Guide from Radio Shack

TRS-80 Level II BASIC is a beginner's guide designed for users who have not had previous experience with computers. Short games, application programs, and the elements of developing simulation routines are presented. The book is available from participating Radio Shack stores, dealers, and Radio Shack Computer Centers for \$9.95.

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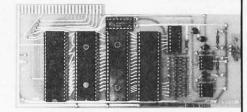
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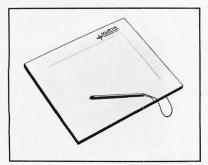
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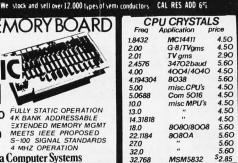


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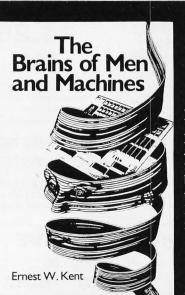
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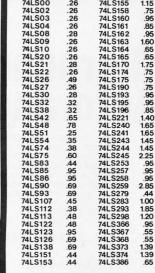




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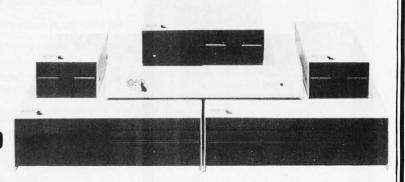
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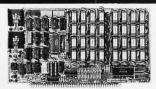
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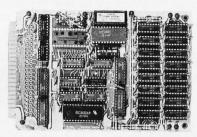
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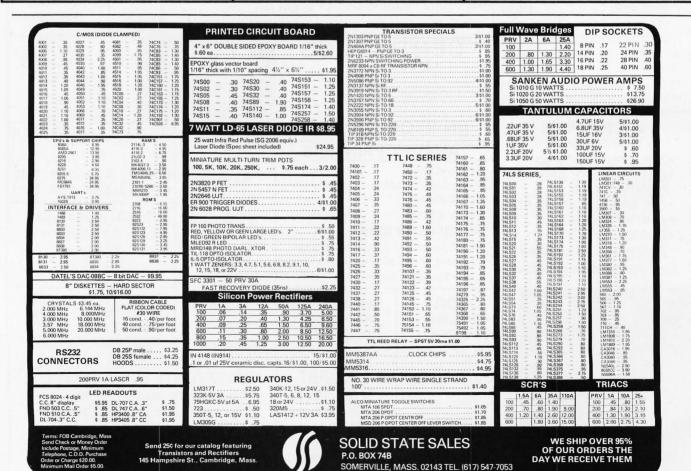
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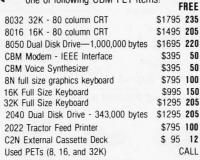


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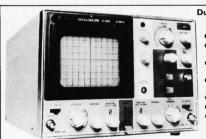
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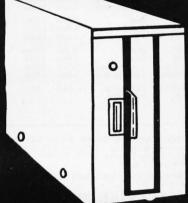
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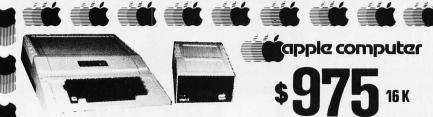
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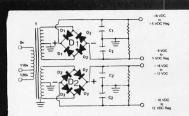
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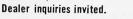


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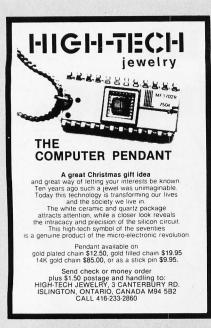
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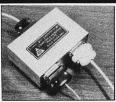
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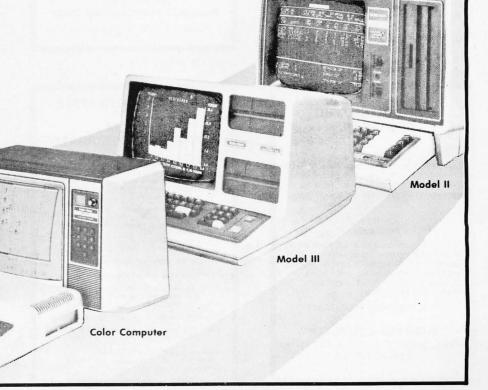
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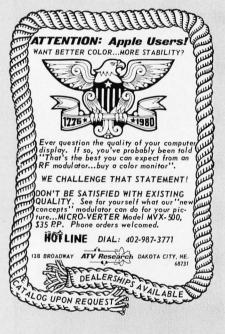
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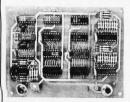
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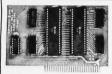
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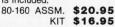


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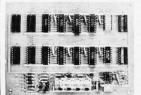


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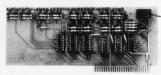


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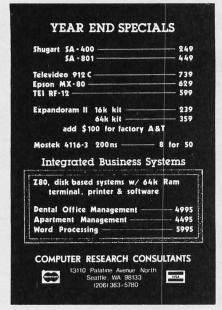
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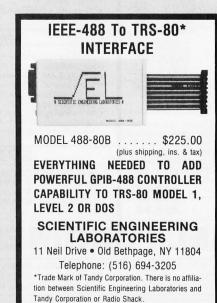


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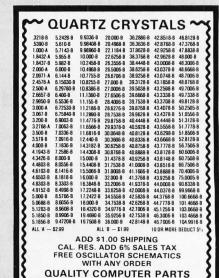
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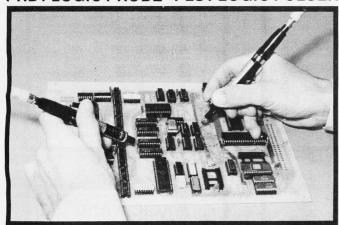
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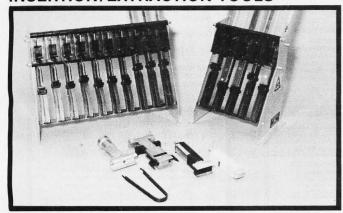
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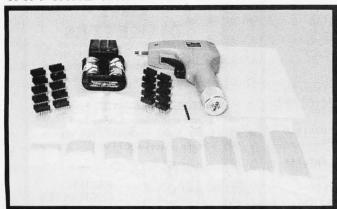
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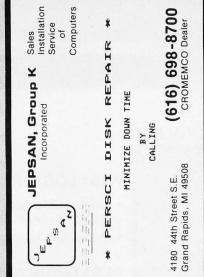
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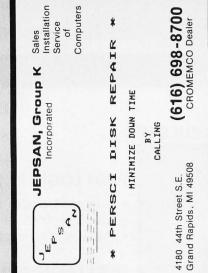
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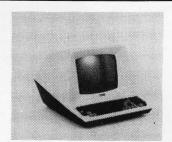
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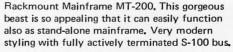
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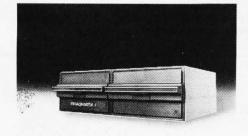
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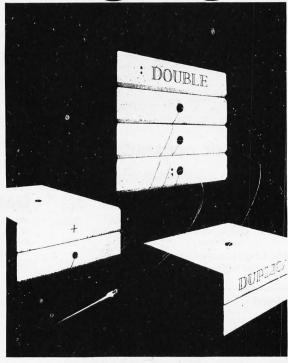
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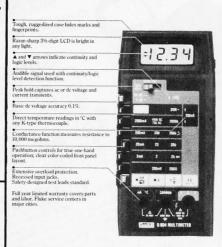
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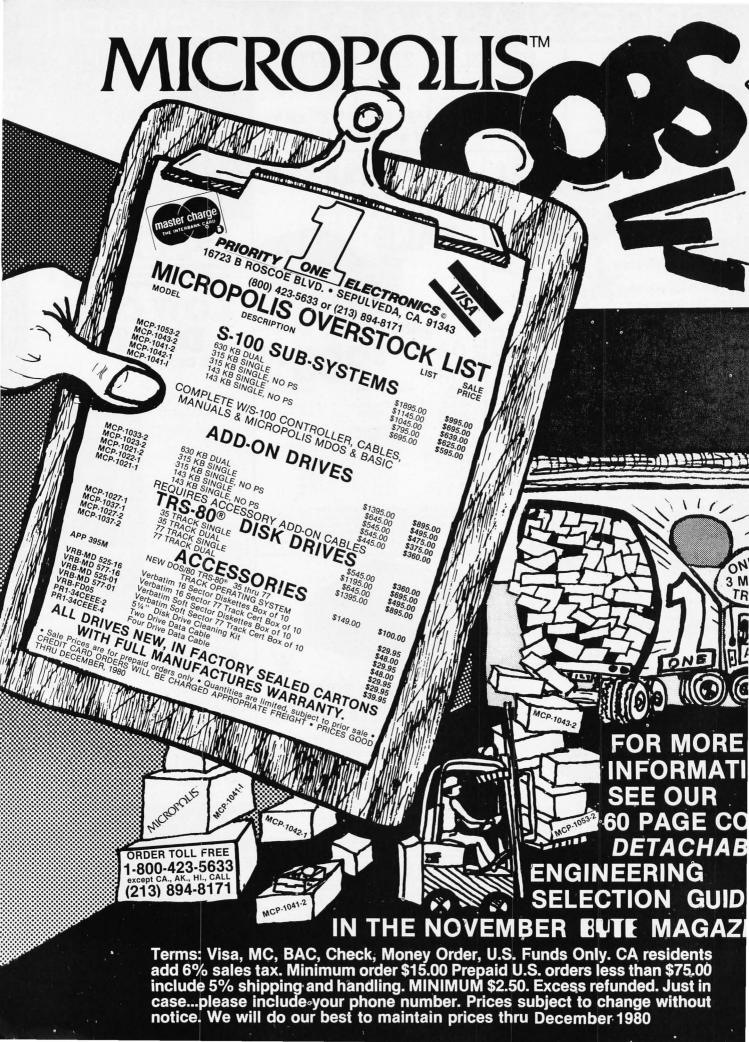
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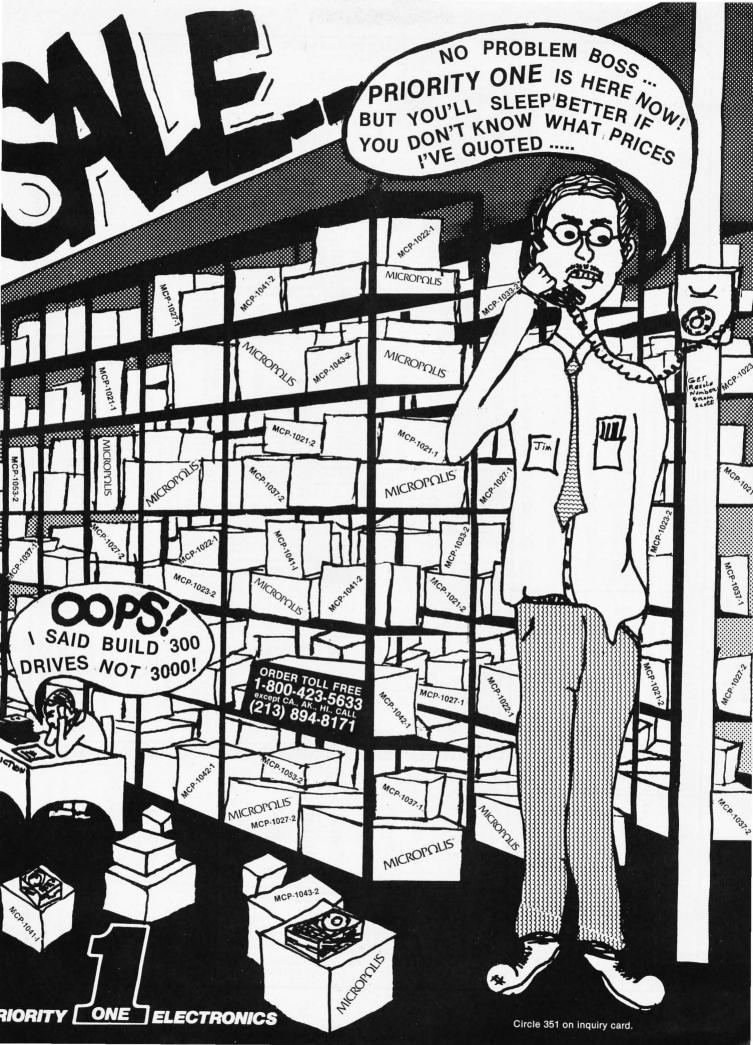
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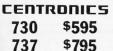
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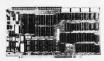
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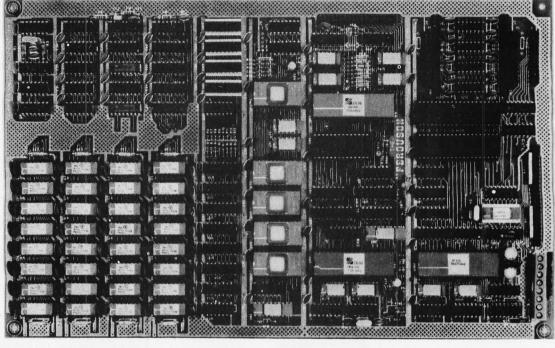
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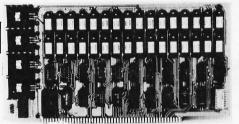
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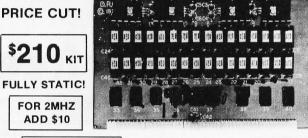
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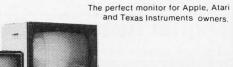
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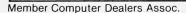
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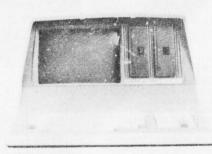
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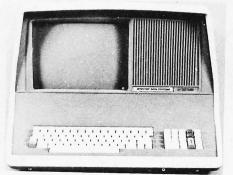
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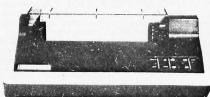
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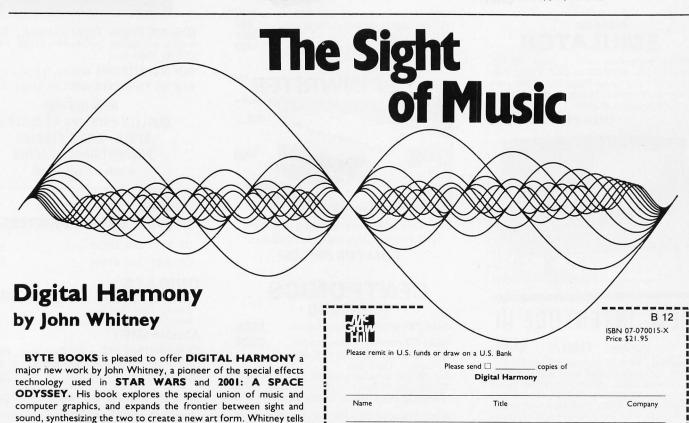
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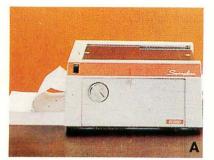
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Here are just a few of the popular uses

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educational aid because it can entertain while it educates. Software available ranges from enhancing your children's basic math, reading and spelling ability, through tutoring high school and college subjects, to teaching the fundamentals of computers and computer programming.

#### Entertainment

Many of the Challenger's games educate while they entertain, from cartoons for preschoolers to games which sharpen mathematical and logical abilities. But, entertainment doesn't stop here. The Challenger's graphics capabilities and fast operation allow it to display action games with much more detail than the best video games, providing spectacular action in games such as Invaders, Space Wars, Tiger Tank and more! All popular sports such as golf, baseball and bowling are available as simulated computer games as well as many conventional games such as chess where the computer plays the role of a formidable opponent.

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#### Accounting

Your Challenger computer can keep track of your checkbook, savings account, loans, expenses, monitor your calorie intake and your biorythms.

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#### And more:

This may seem like a lot of uses, but it's only the tip of the iceberg for a general purpose computer. For example, your Challenger can be expanded to control lights and appliances, manage your energy usage and monitor for fire and break-ins. Furthermore, it can communicate with you, with other computers and the new personal computer information services over the telephone.

In fact, the uses of general purpose, personalized computers are expanding daily as more and more people discover the tremendous capabilities

> of these new technological wonders.

